

Saranac Community Schools

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District Annual Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Saranac Community Schools Family and Friends:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2016-2017 educational progress for the Saranac Community Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by Federal and some requirements of State laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Jason Smith, Superintendent, for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, www.saranac.k12.mi.us, or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-Step (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11 compared to the state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides State results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2018-19 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no status label is given. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key initiatives to accelerate achievement
Jr. Sr. High School	No Label	7-12 Science instruction
Saranac Elementary	No Label	K-6 Reading instruction

Congratulations to all of our students, parents, staff, administration, and the board of education for their continued commitment to preparing our youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

Working Together In Achieving Educational Excellence,



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