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## Harrison Center 2013-14 Annual Education Report

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2013-2014 educational progress for Harrison Center. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Principal Gloria Henry for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.phasd.us](http://www.phasd.us) or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of *reward*, *focus*, or *priority*. A *Reward school* is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A *Focus school* is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A *Priority school* is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

State Law also requires that we report additional information.

### **Pupil Assignment Process — 2013–14\***

Students in the Port Huron Area School District were enrolled as follows:

Elementary students were divided among 10 elementary schools serving grades K–5 at Cleveland, Crull, Edison, Garfield, Indian Woods, Keewahdin, Kimball, Michigamme, Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

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PHASD had Michigan Great Start School Readiness Program grant funded pre-school instruction for early childhood students in several elementary buildings.

Our District operated three middle schools serving 6th through 8th grades at Central, Fort Gratiot and Holland Woods.

Port Huron High School and Port Huron Northern High School served students in grades 9 through 12.

An alternative program and adult education were offered at the Harrison Center.

The Port Huron Area School District had a policy and process in place for both in-district and county/contiguous Schools of Choice requests. Copies of the policy and procedures were available throughout the District, in publications and at the administration building.

\*This information was the same in the 2012-13 school year.

### **School Improvement Plan Status 2013-14**

Harrison Center's School Improvement Goals were revised for the 2013-14 school year and are as follows:

- All students at Harrison Center will be proficient in English and Language Arts
- All students will be proficient in Math
- All students will be proficient in Social Studies
- All students will be proficient in Science

All students at Harrison Center are continually post-tested in Reading and Math using the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) after 60 hours of instruction or when finished with a class. In addition to this, all teachers have pre- and post-tests they administer for all classes. All of these assessments showed at least an 80+% improvement in students' results.

### **School Improvement Plan Status 2012-13**

Harrison Center is in the last of a three year school improvement plan. Our goals changed slightly from our first two years and currently are: 1) English and Language Arts Improvement Over Time; 2) Math Improvement Over Time; 3) Science Improvement Over Time; and 4) Social Studies Improvement Over Time.

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### **Specialized Schools and Alternative Education\***

The following programs are offered to PHASD students:

- St. Clair TEC offers countywide career and technical training to high school students.
- Woodland Developmental Center serves students with severe learning disabilities to age 26.

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### **Core Curriculum 2013–14**

The core academic curriculum is the foundation of the Port Huron Area School District's instructional program. It defines the outcomes to be achieved by all students and is based on the District's educational mission and goals. The District's purpose is to enable students to meet or exceed state requirements for achievement, with an ongoing emphasis that encourages academic excellence for all students.

Our curriculum is based on standards approved by the State Board of Education. In addition, it has been developed and written by Port Huron Area School District teachers, administrators and consultants who specialize in curriculum development.

As part of the core instruction, ELA and math instructors have aligned and written curriculum to support and implement the Common Core State Standards. A balanced assessment system is also a core part of this movement. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from NWEA provides teachers with screening and diagnostic tools to dig deeper into reading, grammar, and mathematics deficiencies to give teachers more data with which to support their students.

To access a copy of the core curriculum, contact the Department of Instruction at (810) 984-3101.

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### **Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Assessments: NWEA MAP-North West Evaluation Association Measures of Progress**

N/A

### **Parent-teacher conference rate**

2013–14 — N/A

2012–13 — N/A

No officially planned Parent-Teacher conferences are done at Harrison Center, but as the need arises in student participation or parent request, individualized meetings are held to discuss issues.

Our educational programs at Harrison Center are unique to our district. We house the adult and alternative programs and are also responsible for high school credit recovery programs which run each semester while schools are in session and in a summer school program. We enable students who are behind in credits the opportunity to catch up and graduate with their home school or transfer into our alternative program to graduate with a high school diploma or GED. Our high school program fulfills all of the district and state requirements, and, although some students may not graduate on time, they do indeed finish, graduate, and receive their high school diploma or GED certificate.

Sincerely,

*Gloria Henry*

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Principal, Harrison Center