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Port Huron Northern High School 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 Port Huron Northern High School. 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 Charles Mossett for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site 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.

Northern High School is working to meet the needs of all students. Our report card from 2012-2013 indicated that we have not been successful meeting the needs of our bottom 30%. We will continue to implement and improve strategies to address this area. Our primary focus will be on improving the instructional quality provided to all students in every classroom. Northern teachers will receive extensive training in Depth of Knowledge and using learning targets to drive instruction. We will continue with the 9th Grade Academy which has shown to be effective in reducing the failure rate of our 9th grade students. We will continue to provide co-teaching in all

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content areas in grades 9th through 12th. Northern has once again added advanced placement courses. AP Physics 1, AP Spanish Language and Culture, and AP Environmental Science are all new for 2014-2015.

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.

PHASD had Michigan Great Start 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

Northern's School Improvement Plan will focus on improving the instructional quality delivered by our teachers. We will focus on Depth of Knowledge and using learning targets to drive instruction. These are areas of need identified by administrators during the evaluation process for teachers. Northern will also renew its focus on the 9th grade academy and continue to work to improve the teaching skills of our co-teachers.

School Improvement Plan Status 2012–13

Northern's school improvement plan will continue to focus on providing staff training to become more effective teachers in the classroom with more focus the next school year on using data to impact teaching. We will also continue to implement the 9th grade academy and the 10th grade program to build on the gains made last year in the 9th grade academy.

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

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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 mathematic 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 Assessment:
NWEA MAP-North West Evaluation Association Measures of Progress**

READING Port Huron Northern	FALL TO SPRING Mean RIT			
	PHN Fall 2013	National Norm Fall 2013	PHN Spring 2014	National Norm Spring 2014
Grade 9	217.0	221.4	221.8	66.5
Grade 10	219.6	223.2	226.4	65.8
Grade 11	223.6	223.4	227.2	N/A

MATH Port Huron Northern	FALL TO SPRING Mean RIT			
	PHN Fall 2013	National Norm Fall 2013	PHN Spring 2014	National Norm Spring 2014
Grade 9	220.7	233.8	227.8	236.0
Grade 10	225.9	234.2	233.3	236.6
Grade 11	233.0	236.0	236.7	238.3

Parent-Teacher Conference Rate

2013–14 — 66%

2012–13 — 67%

Dual Enrollment 2013-14

Dual Enrollment extends learning options to 11th and 12th grade students. Qualified students may take classes at a post-secondary institution while attending high school. During the 2013–14 school year, 68 students were enrolled in one or more post-secondary courses. In addition, approximately 90 students attended the Blue Water Middle College.

Advanced Placement 2013-14

Eleven AP courses were made available to high school students. 479 students (36.7%) enrolled in these courses. 132 students received college credit out of 479 students taking an AP class and 279 students taking an exam. 1304 total students at Northern (including middle college) received college credit.

Port Huron Northern High School had an outstanding school year last year with many students earning state and national awards recognizing their outstanding achievements. The entire staff at Northern High School is committed to excelling professionally. We will continue to strive to better meet the needs of our students and build on our accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Charles Mossett

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