

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Community Members:

We are pleased to inform you that the Detroit Public Schools has the Annual Education Report (AER) with report cover letters for the District and your child(ren)'s school available for review. The Annual Education Report provides key information on the 2012-2013 educational progress for Detroit Public Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Please be advised that our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact us at (313) 873-6473 or email us at AER@detroitk12.org if you need assistance.

The Annual Education Report contains the following information:

- Student Assessment Data – Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)
- Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status
- Teacher Qualification Data- Identifies teacher qualification 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)

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.detroitk12.org/AER or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school. A hard copy is also available in the Parent Resource Center at Detroit International Academy (DIA), 9026 Woodward Avenue, Room 141, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

In keeping with the mission of the District to create *Higher Standards for All*, we will provide a comprehensive educational experience that is high quality, challenging, and inspires all students to make a positive contribution to society. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Detroit Public Schools and wish you a successful school year.

Sincerely,



Karen P. Ridgeway
Superintendent of Academics