

Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

August 15, 2011

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is always available to help you understand this information. Please contact Tom Stobie, Superintendent at 231-352-4641 x214, High School Principal Matt Stapleton at 231-352-4641 x205, or Elementary Principal Jeff Tousley at 231-352-7601 if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.frankfort.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– Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)**
- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup
- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

Teacher Quality 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
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards.

For 2010-2011, the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. All schools in the district also made AYP. None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring.

Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools Demographic Information

The Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools district covers an area of nearly fifty-five square miles and is located forty miles south-west of Traverse City along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The 2010-2011 school enrollment was 544 students.

The total Frankfort-Elberta faculty currently has 36 members. Of these staff members, 5 have BA degrees, 14 have at least 20 hours beyond the BA, 12 hold MA degrees, 5 have at least 15 hours beyond the MA. The seniority of the Frankfort-Elberta faculty extends 35 years. All Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools staff are certified and highly qualified as required by No Child Left Behind.

Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools consists of two schools: The Elementary School and Frankfort Junior/Senior High School.

| Student Statistics | Grades | Students |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| School | | |
| Elementary | K-6 | 286 |
| Junior High | 7-8 | 86 |
| High School | K-12 | 172 |
| Total | --- | 544 |

Sincerely,

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