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Grant Elementary School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2010-2011 educational progress for the Grant Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Joel A. Schuitema for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.grantps.net or you may review a copy from the Grant Elementary School office at your child's school.

For 2010-11, Grant Elementary School made Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort. Our school will have a parent involvement in our Building Improvement Team that will meet monthly to increase community awareness about our building and ways to assist in the learning.

Students enroll at Grant Elementary School by coming to the elementary school office and receiving an enrollment packet. Parents must provide their child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency when they turn in the enrollment packet. Students are then scheduled by our secretary and principal in the appropriate class.

Grant Elementary School is in the second year of the school improvement plan. We want to continue to have a school system that respects the rights of all individuals while delivering the state mandated curriculum. Emphasis areas include: reading, writing and math.

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Grant Elementary School is a 2nd through 4th grade building that services all students with instructional services. A copy of the core curriculum can be obtained at www.ncresa.org or the Michigan Department of Education website. Our office can also give you a copy of the core curriculum.

Our Meap score average for third and fourth grade for 2010-11 are as follows in relation to Proficiency: Reading was at an average of 86% and math averaged 93.5%. The Meap score averages for 2009-10 are as follows: Reading was at an average of 83.5% and math averaged 90.5%.

For the 2010-11 school year, 92% of our parents (386) attended the Fall conferences while 90% (375) attended the Winter conferences. For the 2009-10 school year, 91% (415) attended Fall conferences while 89% (379) attended the Winter conferences. Skyward Family Access is an online tool which many parents access throughout the year to keep informed about their student's progress on a regular basis. Parents can sign up for Skyward in our main office.

Our school is proud of the improvement we have made in regards to our Meap scores. Grant Elementary School received an A on the school report card this past year. Our school will continue to help our students succeed. If you have any questions, please call or office at (231) 834-5678.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Schuitema, Principal
Grant Elementary School