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January 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are presenting you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-19 educational progress for the Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County. 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 Tina Williams for assistance.

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

For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

While we have achieved consistent graduation rates typical of most alternative education high schools, increasing our graduation rate continues to be a main focus for improvement. Students attending the Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County face many barriers to their academic success. An effort to reduce individual barriers is an ongoing focus. An additional challenge for the school comes from the reduced participation in standardized testing and overall school attendance as compared to traditional high school programs.

Some key initiatives under implementation to accelerate student achievement include:

* School Improvement Process
* Attendance Incentive Program
* School Success Program
* Summer School
* Credit Recovery
* Online Learning

State law requires that we also report additional information:

Process For Assigning Pupils to the School

The Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County enrolls students who are at-risk of academic failure due to a variety of reasons. Students are able to enroll at the AEA after the alternative setting is determined to be the best placement for their education.

The Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Team is in the third year of our School Improvement Plan focusing on data, strategies, and goals related to improving student attendance, retention, and achievement. The AEA is currently formalizing the existing attendance procedures and practices for the 2019-2020 school year.

A Brief Description of Each Specialized School

The Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County is a single-building school district specializing in alternative education of at-risk students.

Identify How to Access a Copy of the Core Curriculum; Description of Implementation; Explanation of Variances

The online curriculum, purchased from Edmentum and Edgenuity, is aligned to the standards of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Information regarding the curriculum can be obtained from the main office of the school.

The Aggregate Student Achievement Results For Local Competency Tests

There were no local assessments administered in 2017-2019.

Identify the Number and Percent of Students Represented by Parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences

Twenty-seven students were represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences in the Fall of 2017. This accounts for approximately 23% of the total student population.

Fifty-seven students were represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences in the Fall of 2018. This accounts for approximately 40% of the total student population.

Numbers of Dual Enrollments, College Equivalent Courses Offered, and Additional Information

We had no students participate in dual enrollment in 2017-2018.

We had one student participate in dual enrollment in 2018-2019. We do not offer college equivalent courses.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your interest in the Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County. If you would like further information regarding our school, please contact me at (989) 362-2575.

Sincerely,

Tina Williams

Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County Director