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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 2012-2013 educational progress for the Hesperia High 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 Mrs. Jennifer Kleiner for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <u>www.hesp.net</u> or you may review a copy from the High School Principal's office at your child's school.

For 2012-2013, Hesperia High School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing; as appropriate for the school grade levels tested). Our school is in the top 5% of all Michigan schools on combined measures of student achievement and student growth over time. 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.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

Hesperia High School is the only non-alternative setting for middle school students in Hesperia Community School District. Students new to the district may enroll in the high school office.

Our school improvement plan is continually being updated and revised with new goals to improve student achievement. It is submitted annually on Advanc-ed.

A copy of the core curriculum can be accessed at <u>www.hesp.net</u> and click on the Michigan Department of Education. At this site there is State of Michigan Parent information regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum along with the individual Course Content Expectations to which all courses at Hesperia High School are closely aligned.

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Parent Teacher Conferences play an important role in the education of students. This past fall we had 37% attendance for fall conferences with 114/310 students represented. This is up from the previous year of 35% with 107/307 students represented.

Hesperia High School offers several dual enrollment opportunities for students through Muskegon Community College and Baker College. During 2012-2013, 37 % of students dual enrolled up from 2011-12, 5 % dual enrollment. In addition to dual enrollment, our students have the opportunity to take AP English. During the 2012-13 school year 18 students completed AP English.

At Hesperia High School we are proud of the continued progress our students and staff are making. We set high standards, teach for excellence and believe in all of our students. We appreciate the support of our families and all who are part of the educational process of Hesperia Community Schools. We look forward to our continued success.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kleiner High School Principal