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Widening Advancements for Youth

School Annual Education Report

November 22, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-16 educational progress for W-A-Y Michigan. 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 Marilee Bylsma, WAY Michigan Director, for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, <https://goo.gl/eeC9r6> or you may review a copy in the main office of W-A-Y Michigan.

WAY Michigan works diligently to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Achievement data indicates that mathematics provides the greatest challenge with nearly 80% of students scoring in the not proficient level on the M-STEP for combined seventh and eighth grade students. W-A-Y Michigan staff members are receiving intensive professional development to ensure that teachers understand the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Common Core State Standards for mathematics. In addition, students are receiving targeted differentiated instruction in mathematics to accelerate achievement and close the achievement gap.

W-A-Y Michigan is open to all students residing in the State of Michigan. Students can enroll at W-A-Y Michigan on the school website and a W-A-Y Michigan staff member will work directly with the parent / guardian to ensure the student has a successful transition to the school.

A copy of the School Improvement Plan is available by contacting the school. A school improvement team is in place and meets regularly to review the school improvement plan and its corresponding goals and activities. The team reviews achievement, demographic, perception, and process data to develop school improvement goals. The school improvement team includes staff members and parents / guardians. The plan is revised on an annual basis in accordance with requirements provided by the Michigan Department of Education.

W-A-Y Michigan provides an outstanding educational program to students and their families. Students receive instruction on-line with support from Michigan certified teachers. Teachers receive intensive professional development to be able to meet the needs of each student so their educational program is customized to their specific need.

The W-A-Y Michigan curriculum is based on the Michigan Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics. The science curriculum and social studies curriculum



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is based on the Michigan curriculum standards for science and social studies. Parents and guardians may access copies of the core curriculum by contacting the WAY Michigan main office.

W-A-Y Michigan opened in 2014. However, due to the numerous changes in State testing, only eleventh grade social studies and science M-STEP scores could be compared for the 2015 and 2016 test seasons. Below are two-year comparisons for eleventh grade social studies and science scores.

	Percent Not proficient	Percent Partially Proficient	Percent Proficient
Social studies 2015	9.1%	45.5%	25%
Social Studies 2016	0%	75%	25%
Science 2015	54.5%	45.5%	0%
Science 2016	75%	0%	25%

W-A-Y Michigan staff initiates conferences with 100% of our student population. All 78 students were represented during parent - teacher conferences via telephone conference call, student/parent induction phone calls, progress report phone calls, phone calls with our team leader, and home visits. Because we are a virtual academy, our staff is available 24/7 to for parent concerns and phone conference calls. Additional on-going conferences and home visits are an integral part of the “W-A-Y Michigan approach.” We believe that involving parents in their student’s education will support improved student learning. Our school clearly works best when parents take an active interest in their children’s education and form partnership with our school to encourage their students to do well.

W-A-Y Michigan students did not participate in dual enrollment or have Advanced Placement / International Baccalaureate courses.

WAY Michigan is committed to providing an outstanding educational program to all students. Staff members strive to ensure that our students are prepared for college, career, and life. We will continue to work as partners to ensure the success of each WAY Michigan student.

We thank you all, and we pledge to continue to work together to provide a premier education for the community’s children in the future.

Sincerely,

Marilee Bylsma
W-A-Y Michigan, Director