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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 2018-2019 educational progress for the Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD). The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by Federal and some requirements for State laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact our Campus Manager, Charles Thomas for help if you need assistance.

The MSD AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.michiganschoolforthedeaf.org, or you may review the copy in the Main Office at your child’s school. Each school will be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

**Student Assessment Data** – As you are aware, MSD’s public reporting of state assessments is limited. We have a smaller population in each grade. Statistics are not reported publicly for a class that has less than 10 students in each grade (N<10), to maintain confidentiality and protect the privacy of our students. It also means that we are not able to have data disaggregated nor reported on specific grade levels. We do use our state assessment data and alternate data sources to compare growth and to determine teacher qualification.

**Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status**
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The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

**Teacher Qualification Data**
All of MSDs teachers meet required teacher qualifications and are highly qualified.
NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)
MSD was not selected to participate in NAEP testing.

Our stakeholders have the opportunity to stay updated through the use of social media (MSD Facebook page and our website at www.michiganschoolforthedeaf.org). In addition, Parent Conferences take place in the fall and spring of each school year and there are parent meetings scheduled throughout the school year.

We encourage our parents to review assessment data, the present level of academic achievement and functional performance, the goals and objectives that are reported quarterly, and the new ones identified for the next IEP cycle. As we partner with you to educate your child, you are a key part of the checks and balances that allow us to continue to focus on striving for excellence.

Sincerely,

Charles Thomas
Campus Manager