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### District 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 2018-19 educational progress for the Swan Valley School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Mat McRae, Swan Valley School District Superintendent, if you need assistance.

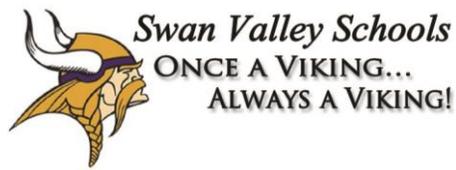
The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2Hkt2aN>, or you may review a copy in the district office. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

**Student Assessment Data** – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

#### **Accountability – Detail Data and Status**

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.



**Teacher Qualification Data**

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

**NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)**

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

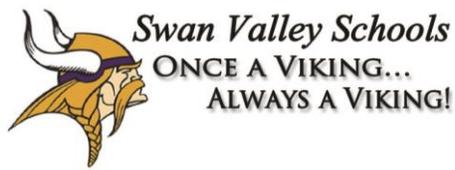
For the 2018-2019 school year, we are very proud that our students met or exceeded the State Proficiency in **sixteen of the seventeen tested areas** across all grades. In eight of those areas, we ranked in the “top three” within Saginaw County and we led the county in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.

Review the table below listing our schools. 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 status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Shields Elementary	No label	n/a
R.B. Havens Elementary	No label	n/a
Swan Valley Middle School	No label	n/a
Swan Valley High School	No label	n/a
Swan Valley Adult/Alternative	No label	n/a

The Swan Valley School District is proud of its high graduation rates and the variety of individualized learning opportunities offered. Our community impact is not limited to the kindergarten-twelfth grade system. We offer a quality preschool and before school/after school program with the Swan Valley Learning Center and our Adult/Alternative/Community Education Programs are also thriving.

We are thankful for the support of the Swan Valley Community which was recently made evident with the approval of the 2018 sinking fund millage. We promise to show that appreciation by working diligently to help our students become twenty first century learners. The Swan Valley School District is honored to be the only district in the county with a 1:1 iPad initiative and our teachers are committed to differentiated learning that



meets the needs of today's youth. We are also committed to a focus on the need to provide our students with increased career and technical education opportunities and appreciate the support that the Saginaw County CTE millage and state Marshall Plan funds will help in that endeavor.

The long-standing success of our school district and our "Tradition of Excellence" is the result of a community that values education. We pledge to continue this tradition!

Sincerely,

*Mat McRae*

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Superintendent