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District Annual 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 2024-25 educational progress for Sturgis Public Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact me, Art Ebert, Superintendent, for help if you need assistance.

The district AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [Sturgis Public Schools 2024-25 Annual Education Report](#), or you may review a copy in the office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

School Accountability Data

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

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 MI-Access science for grades 5, 8, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Data

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

Educator Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

Please review the table below listing our schools. For the 2025-26 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. 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
Sturgis High School	no label	PLCs and Technology
Sturgis Middle School	no label	PLCs, Technology, and Lead
Eastwood School	no label	PLCs, Technology, and Leader In Me
Congress School	no label	PLCs, Technology, and Leader In Me
Wall School	no label	PLCs, Technology, and Leader In Me
Wenzel School	no label	PLCs, Technology, and Leader In Me

Our success is defined by the outcomes achieved by our students. In Sturgis, we all work together for the betterment of the youth in our community. This is a team effort, and we welcome collaboration between students, educators, families, and our community. If you are interested in partnering with us, please reach out to our district office, or your child's school administrator, so that we can share our volunteer opportunities with you.

With appreciation,

Dr. Art Ebert, Superintendent

Ms. Britt Gross, Assistant Superintendent