



CHESANING UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2008 - 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

Dear Fellow Citizens,

Chesaning Union Schools is a rural school district located in the southwest corner of Saginaw County and northeast corner of Shiawassee County. The district is a large geographical area, covering 180 square miles, located within parts of ten townships and two counties.

K-12 enrollment for this school year was 1,802 students, which is a decrease of 50 students from the previous year. Like many districts across the state, this district has seen a steady decline in the number of students in the past five years.

There are five schools located within district boundaries. Chesaning High School, Chesaning Middle School and Big Rock Elementary are located within the village limits. Albee Elementary is located about 14 miles east of the village and Brady Elementary is located 7 miles west of Chesaning.

We invite you to learn more about our school district on our website, or please feel free to call me at 989-845-7020.

Donald Barnes
Superintendent

ACCREDITATION

Chesaning High School and Middle School have been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. All Chesaning Schools have met *Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)* as defined by the *No Child Left Behind* legislation of 2001.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

During the 2008 - 2009 school year, more than 80% of the K-12 students were represented at Parent/Teacher conferences.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Chesaning Union Schools is involved in yearly curriculum development. During the 2008 - 2009 school year, the district focused on realigning its Social Studies curriculum with the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks. This work will continue into the next school.

Continuous focus is being placed on identifying strategies and evaluating the achievement on the identified state benchmark. Staff members continuously place emphasis on helping all students achieve.

All Chesaning Union Schools students are enrolled in courses that focus on core academic areas. District achievement is analyzed to determine if gaps exist in student achievement by gender, handicap, or social economic status. Information gathered from such analysis is used to identify strategies to address areas if such a gap exists.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS

Chesaning Union School District provided educational alternatives for students at the Saginaw Career Complex, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, American School, Millet Learning Center, Hillier Education Center, Chester Miller Elementary, Saginaw ISD Transition Center and Pathways High School. During the 2008-2009 school year, more than 50 students were enrolled in these schools. These programs are designed to meet the special academic and vocational needs of county students.

Also, 2 Chesaning High School students were enrolled in college classes in the Dual Enrollment program.

GRADUATION RATE

During the 2008 - 2009 school year, 85% of our seniors graduated on time. The District's dropout rate is less than 15%.

DISTRICT GOALS

1. Improve/build ELA achievement K-12.
2. Improve and build K-12 Mathematics core achievement.
3. Improve retention rate.

4. Annual recognition of outstanding service by seven community/employee groups.
5. Provide activities for students to be involved in.
6. Market the district through the use of various forms of media.
7. Build family/school connections.
8. Ensure that our facilities will meet district short and long term needs.
9. Ensure that buildings are being used efficiently.
10. Ensure that district current staffing levels are optimal for maintaining facilities and offering the best education possible to our students.
11. Ensure that the district transportation system is operating as efficiently and safely as possible.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chesaning Union School District consistently ranks as one of Saginaw County's outstanding school districts based upon its performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. The MEAP charts below show the percentage of students who met or exceeded State standards. The MME chart shows the number of students who met or exceeded state standards out of the number of students tests.

The ACT composite score for Chesaning High School (Class of 2009) was 19.6 as compared to the state average of 19.6.

Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)					
Grade	Subject	2008 Fall	2008 Fall State	2007 Fall	2007 Fall State
3	Reading	92	86	95	86
3	Writing	69	61	73	57
3	ELA	90	83	93	81
3	Math	97	91	99	90
4	Reading	95	83	92	84
4	Writing	52	44	56	44
4	ELA	91	77	86	76
4	Math	98	88	96	86
5	Reading	93	82	85	82
5	Writing	77	63	67	59
5	ELA	94	78	84	78
5	Math	91	77	82	74
5	Science	98	83	90	82

Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)					
Grade	Subject	2008 Fall	2008 Fall State	2007 Fall	2007 Fall State
6	Reading	88	81	89	82
6	Writing	82	76	79	73
6	ELA	87	80	85	80
6	Math	89	80	79	73
6	Social Studies	83	74	82	73
7	Reading	93	80	83	72
7	Writing	84	78	82	77
7	ELA	93	80	85	74
7	Math	91	83	81	73
8	Reading	80	76	79	77
8	Writing	82	74	67	70
8	ELA	83	77	74	75
8	Math	90	75	84	72
8	Science	83	76	83	79
9	Social Studies	75	72	75	71

American College Test (ACT)	Class of 2009	Class of 2008
CHS	19.6	19.8
State	19.6	19.6

Michigan Merit Exam	Spring 2009	State 2009	Spring 2008	State 2008
Math	48	49	47	46
Reading	60	60	65	62
Science	49	56	54	57
Social Studies	78	81	78	80
Writing	37	43	37	41
ELA	45	52	47	52