

# McBain Elementary School Annual Education Report (AER)

2010 – 2011

Dear McBain Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational process for the McBain Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have questions about the AER, please contact Patrick Smith, McBain Elementary Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.mcbain.org](http://www.mcbain.org) or you may review a copy at the principal's office.

For the 2010-2011, McBain Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English Language and Mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort. Additional MEAP information is available at [www.wmisd.org/AER](http://www.wmisd.org/AER).

McBain Elementary School is included in one building that spans Pre-School through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and is a School-wide Title I school. Our building is a wonderful place in which to learn, gain new experiences, and make friends. We are known for our culture that encourages and recognizes academic growth, promotes social responsibility, and warmly welcomes all students, their families, and our community. The entire teaching and support staff focuses their efforts on meeting each child's specific needs to ensure success for each child, every day. We believe in continuous improvement and learning for our students and staff. We are always looking for ways to improve our teaching craft.

The building School Improvement Team has analyzed data and subsequently developed a comprehensive professional development plan for all teachers and paraprofessionals for the upcoming year with an emphasis on differentiated lesson depth of instruction with additional efforts to increase parent involvement throughout grade levels. Please visit [www.mcbain.org](http://www.mcbain.org) for future opportunities to volunteer at McBain Elementary School. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

Our School Improvement Plan is in its third year. The plan includes a powerful mission statement along with a productive building level decision making process that is shared with all stakeholders. The building goals are based on student academic objectives, strategies to accomplish goals, curriculum that is aligned corresponding with goals and methods for effective use of technology, as a way of improving learning and delivery of services. The School Improvement Plan is a living document that is understood by all staff and includes a strong component of parent involvement. School wide reform strategies and enriched, accelerated curriculum are vital to the implementation of a viable and guaranteed curriculum.

The staff uses RTI (Response to Intervention) at all levels. This process allows us to target our at-risk readers with the intensive support to build crucial early literacy skills and help our older students who are struggling readers.

Over the past six years attendance by parents during parent teacher conferences has averaged 99%. The teaching staff and parents believe that open, ongoing and frequent communication and collaboration is paramount for improved student achievement and the overall development of the whole child.

The McBain Schools enjoy a reputation for quality. The elementary staff deliberately makes decisions on a daily basis that reflect a philosophy of “What is Best for Kids.” Each staff member strives to ensure that all children are safe, healthy, challenged and supported. Together, the McBain Rural Agricultural School stakeholders create a caring community of purposeful learning that supports and celebrates the individuality of each child.

#### POINTS OF PRIDE

A clear focus on where we are headed along with the amazing support of the McBain Rural Agricultural School District, our parents, and our community, have allowed us to excel and grow in many areas. Let us share some of points of pride with you.

- Parents, grandparents and community members volunteered hundreds of hours to work with students individually and in small groups to improve basic skills and improve overall academic performance across the grade levels.
- The Michigan Department of Education recognized our building as “Beating the Odds” in finding ways to overcome the identifiable risk factors to low student achievement.
- Many adults helped organize and monitor our AR store, Mileage Club and chaperoned various trips and school events.
- Jump Rope for Heart was held by our physical education teacher and raised over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.
- Each grade level presented outstanding musical performances.
- Pet owners of Therapy Dogs International became weekly visitors to the building allowing our students to personally read to our canine friends.
- The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) awarded McBain Elementary a MI CHAMPIONS grant to develop the expertise of teachers to use technology to improve student academic achievement.
- Kids Hope USA mentors made a difference in the lives of 23 students.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students served as peer tutors to boost reading skills for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students each semester.
- Our PTO supplied us with funds for field trips, assemblies, parent nights, Reading Month activities, and Mileage Club.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan awarded our school with a Building Healthy Communities grant worth over \$32,000.00

Overall, the 2010 – 2011 school year was successful because everyone that touches our school community supports student learning and the well being of our student population. I am reminded of this fact every day in countless interactions with students and adults. Please make a point to stop in and experience the sense of community at McBain Elementary School. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year.

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Patrick J. Smith

Principal

McBain Elementary School