



*"We cultivate healthy, productive, and responsible students who are excited to learn and able to lead."*

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## **District Annual Education Report (AER)**

Dear 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 progress for the New Branches School District. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Pam Duffy for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available to you to review electronically by visiting [www.newbranches.org](http://www.newbranches.org) or you may review a copy in the principal's office at New Branches School.

The report contains the following information:

### **Student Assessment Data – Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)**

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), and science for grades 5-8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to districts and state achievement

### **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status**

Provides information from assessments, attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup
- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

### **Teacher Quality 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

### **New Branches School District made AYP**

For 2010-2011, New Branches School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. Our school also met attendance rates. Our school was not identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring.

I would like to congratulate the New Branches students and staff for all of their hard work. Our school continues to make AYP and our MEAP scores continue to increase. I would also like to thank our families for working together with us to make this achievement possible. It truly does take a village to raise a child.

Thank you,  
Pam Duffy

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