

August 1, 2011

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 Bay-Arenac Community High School (BACHS). 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 any questions about the AER, please contact Dr. Ryan Donlan, Superintendent, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.bachs.us](http://www.bachs.us) or you may review a copy from Ryan Donlan's office at your child's school.

- For 2010-2011, Bay-Arenac Community High School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because we did not meet the 80% graduation rate goal. Since we did not make AYP for two years in a row, we are identified for school improvement.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students are assigned to (enrolled in) BACHS through a random drawing, as required by law.
2. The School Improvement Plan revision for BACHS began in 2009-2010 with the Comprehensive Needs Assessment; surveying students, staff, community members and parents for perceptions of our school's environment. It continued into 2010-2011 with a cohesively re-written plan and will continue through 2011-2012 with plan implementation. Beginning in the fall of 2011, BACHS will be participating in a pilot program through MDE for the consolidation of state, local and most federal funds. Through this process, BACHS has analyzed virtually all our data, discussed options thoroughly and is currently in the final stages of plan revision. Through this plan we will implement research-based academic strategies with the goal being increased student achievement. We will offer parents new options for becoming involved with their child's education and assisting in the implementation, evaluation and revision of our school improvement plan.
3. BACHS has no "specialized schools", however students are encouraged to enroll at the Bay-Arenac Career Center for vocational/technical education. During 2010-2011 school year, 15 BACHS students enrolled at BACC.
4. BACHS Core Curriculum can be accessed best by directly contacting each classroom teacher for specific subject information. Staff has been working closely with the curriculum specialists at the Bay Arenac ISD to map our

curriculum to the state standards. All BACHS teachers are Highly Qualified to teach their specific subject areas.

5. Students attending BACHS are assessed through the NWEA twice per year. The average fall English/ Language Arts score for 2010-2011 was 216, with 235 being an average high school grade level score. In the spring of 2011, the average ELA score was 216, with fewer students completing the spring test. Math scores in the fall averaged 202 and were 221 in 2011, showing a 9.4% improvement. Looking at the BACHS assessment results since 2004, an increase in student scores across the years can be noted.
6. 14% had parents representing them at Student Success Conferences in the fall of 2010 and no students had parents attending spring conferences in 2011. Parents also attended student orientations and Senior Symposium Presentations during 2010-2011.
7. One BACHS student was eligible for dual enrollment at Delta College but opted for early graduation in January to attend college full time. No college equivalency courses were offered, thus no students earned college credit while attending BACHS.

Bay- Arenac Community High School finds itself in the unique position of serving a small, alternative, at-risk student population, yet being accountable to the Michigan Department of Education and the United States Department of Education under the norms and standards that apply to traditional, much larger public schools. While the staff may aspire to meet all sections NCLB and AYP, the inequity of being held to those standards is realized. Parents and the community can trust that students attending Bay Arenac Community High School will be offered an individualized, quality education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ryan A. Donlan  
Superintendent

