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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 2014-15 educational progress for Crystal Lake Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact LeeAnn Stephan, Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting www.benzieschools.net or you may review a copy in the main office at the school.

Crystal Lake Elementary students in third through fifth grade are assessed annually on the state assessment (currently the M-STEP). In 2015-2016, our 3rd grade class scored below the state average in both math and English Language Arts. Our 4th grade class scored above state average in English Language Arts and below state average in Math. Our 5th grade class scored below state average in both English Language Arts and Math. The M-STEP assessment is a computerized assessment; the ELA portion is a combination of both Reading and Writing. Past performance on the MEAP showed that Reading was significantly stronger than Writing. As a result, one of our school improvement goals is particularly focused on improving student writing. Last year was also our first year of implementing a new Math series. As a result of this being a new series, material was not covered as quickly as it is anticipated to be completed in future year. This may have had a impact on test scores. We offer Reading and Math interventions for students in need of intervention for all grades, K-5.

Data days are held three times a year, and adjustments to intervention groups are made utilizing available data. Crystal Lake also has put significant emphasis on the use of Positive Behavior Supports. For the 2016-2017 school year, we have begun having increased outside classroom observations in math. This is to help focus on improving instructional delivery for our students.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Crystal Lake Elementary School. Additionally, parents may complete forms

for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie Central Schools boundaries. For families who are not residents of Benzie Central Schools, they may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice. Please contact LeeAnn Stephan, Principal for assistance.

2. Crystal Lake continues to implement its School Improvement Plan focusing on improving student performance in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Math.
3. Curriculum is developed and implemented based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
4. During the past two years, student in grades 2-5 have continued to take the NWEA at Crystal Lake Elementary School. Scores from the last two years show that three out of four grades increased their median Spring score over the past two years in Mathematics. Two of four grades had an increase in their median Reading score over the past two school years (when looking at spring data).
5. During the 2014-2015 school year, 145/191 (76%) students had parent representation at Parent Teacher Conferences. Attendance for the 2015-2016 year was similar with 133/174 (76%) student represented.

In closing, it is with great pride that we present this report to you. We continue to strive to provide a positive and productive learning environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,



LeeAnn Stephan
Crystal Lake Elementary Principal