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MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOLS IMPROVE

Several Muskegon Heights Public Schools have improved to the point where they have earned AYP status, according to the Michigan Department of Education and national No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requirements.

Superintendent Dana M. Bryant announced that, according to recent MEAP results, Muskegon Heights Middle School, Loftis Elementary School and Lindburgh Elementary School have met AYP requirements. In addition, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School met AYP standards in math. Both the middle school and Lindbergh Elementary had previously been under scrutiny for their MEAP performance, in Phase Four and Phase Two respectively.

“This is outstanding news for our families and our staff, “ said Supt. Bryant. “This is only the beginning as we continue to focus on improved academic achievement in all of our schools, for all of our students.”

NCLB, signed into law by President Bush in January 2002, requires states to set target goals for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on 2001-02 student achievement data. States are required to “raise the bar” for AYP each year to meet the NCLB goal of having all students, including nine different subgroups of students, proficient in reading and math by the 2013-14 school year. The Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test serves as the basis for calculating AYP in Michigan.

Under NCLB, schools as a whole must meet target AYP goals. All subgroups in a school must meet the target goals. If even one group does not meet the AYP target goals, the school will not make AYP. Schools receiving Title I funding, a federal program that provides resources to schools in areas of economic need, could face sanctions under NCLB if the school does not make AYP for two or more years in a row. Sanctions increase in severity for every year a Title I school does not make AYP.

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