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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

April 8, 2016

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 Edgemont Elementary. 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 the Principal, Fred Abel, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/ECUyDu>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

We continue to look at the bottom 30% of our students and used targeted instruction for all students. We have lengthened our reading and writing time for all students and utilize staff to make targeted teaching in smaller groups, reducing the student to teacher ratio during this instruction time. We are in the fourth year of using our new math curriculum and are seeing steady improvement. We have added power standards as areas of focus in mathematics.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. All students in grades K-4 at Edgemont Elementary are assigned based on their home address geographical location within the district.
2. A major focus of the school improvement plan is increasing student achievement in all content areas; especially in the area of mathematics and literacy. We are excited to continue to implement strategies and interventions this year. This year we added a new science curriculum for all grades. A driving force for our school improvement plan is using data; including MEAP, NWEA, and DRA and perception surveys to help support the programs we have implemented.
3. Edgemont is one of four elementary schools within the district. Although we all follow the same curriculum, each school varies from their after-school activities which are offered for the students assigned to their specific elementary school.
4. A copy of the core curriculum can be accessed at the district website at

www.vanburenschools.net.

5. Students at Edgemont were given the NWEA assessment during the 2014-2015 school year. For the 2014-2015 year, 65% of students in grades K-4 achieved one year's growth in mathematics. For the 2014 - 2015 year, 59% of students in grades K-4 achieved one year's growth in Reading. For the 2014-2015 year, 54% of Edgemont students in grades 3rd and 4th achieved one year's growth in language.

6. As of the 2014-2015 school year, Edgemont had an 87% participation rate at parent-teacher conferences.

I continue to be excited by our improvement and expect even more in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Abel', written in a cursive style.

Fred Abel
Principal - Edgemont Elementary