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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 2015-16 educational progress for Akron-Fairgrove 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 Mrs. Rebecca Crosby for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/Ye5DsQ> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school was identified as a REWARD school!

All schools have challenges. The only area we were below state average was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies advanced section. We had 0% and the state average was 0.80%. We are above the state average in ELA, Math and Science tests in all grades 3-5. This distinction helped us to continue to use effective learning strategies, assessments, and research-based interventions to meet the needs of all students.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Committed to do everything we can to create an academic, orderly, equitable, friendly and positive environment to prepare all students for a good and productive life.

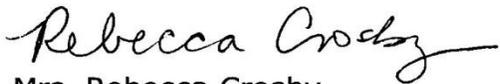
1. Since there is only one elementary school within our district, all elementary students are assigned to the same school. All students in the Akron-Fairgrove District have the opportunity to attend Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School for grades K-5.
2. Students in those grades are served through a continuous School Improvement Plan that targets student achievement in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Behavior. School Improvement goals are evaluated annually by school improvement stakeholders. Progress is determined based on student achievement data through state assessments or through standardized assessments administered.
3. There is no specialized school located within the elementary school.
4. The curriculum is guided by and aligned to the Common Core Curriculum. It is implemented through grade level classrooms and the Title I program in grades K-5. The curriculum coincides with the State standards and curriculum. Teachers at Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School are highly qualified within the core content area that they teach. Use of "research supported" and/or "best practice" instructional strategies is a priority for our teachers. Participation in professional development activities and frequent collaboration with other teachers provides opportunity for staff to explore and implement effective instructional strategies in the classroom.
5. In the fall of 2015, all elementary students were assessed using the DIBELS Next assessment for Reading and DIBELS Math for Math. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> were assessed with the M-STEP.

	2014-15 proficiency	2015-2016 proficiency
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math	86.7%	63%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	52.9%	82%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	34.8%	54%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading	80%	31%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading	38.6%	65%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading	52.2%	62%
Science	22.2% (4th grade)	24% (5th Grade)
Social Studies		23% (5th Grade)

6. Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School acknowledges the importance of communication between the parents and guardians of our students and the school. We offer time for parents to communicate with teachers daily, email accessibility and a web-based program (Powerschool) through which parents can view their student's grades. We offer Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring of each school year. For the 2014-2015 conferences, we had 82% parent participation in the fall and 80% in the spring. For the 2015-2016 conferences, we had 84% parent participation and 78% in the spring.

Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School continues to strive for excellence as we expand opportunities for our students with dedicated teachers and support personnel. We want every child to have a successful educational opportunity. Thank you again for your continued support in your child's education. Communication is essential for our success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Crosby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs. Rebecca Crosby  
Akron-Fairgrove Elementary Principal