

## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

August 20, 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 the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Elementary School. 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 the Principal, Libby Treiber, at 989-883-9147 or [treiberl@usak12.org](mailto:treiberl@usak12.org) for assistance.

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

For 2010-2011, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

All students in the Unionville-Sebewaing Area have the opportunity to attend USA Elementary for grades PK-4. We house the NEMCSA Head Start and GSRP preschool programs, TISD Special Education Preschool as well as the USA Early Childhood Center. For families that who are not residents of the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District, they may apply for Out of District School of Choice. Please contact Libby Treiber, Principal, for assistance.

USA Elementary has a School Improvement team consisting of teachers and administration along with gathering parental input. School Improvement goals are evaluated annually and progress is determined based on student achievement data available through state assessments or through standardized assessments administered through our participation in the Huron Intermediate School District's "Student Achievement Model".

Curriculum is developed and implemented based on the Common Core Standards for Education and the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs). The GLCEs and a brief overview of the Common Core Standards for each grade level are

available in our elementary office or can be viewed at the Michigan Department of Education website. Teachers at USA Elementary are highly qualified within the core content area that they teach. Use of "researched supported" and/or "best practice" instructional methods is a priority for our teachers. Participation in Professional Development activities and weekly grade level collaboration provides opportunity for staff to explore and implement effective instructional strategies in the classroom.

USA Elementary School conducts Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring. In the fall of 2008, 92% of the students' parents were in attendance. In the fall of 2009, there was a 90% parent attendance for conferences. In the fall of 2010, there was a 91% parent attendance for conferences.

USA Elementary School continues to strive for excellence. The staff at USA Elementary would like to thank our parents, students and community for all of their hard work and support.

Sincerely,

Libby Treiber

Principal