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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy (BKBA) at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility (WCJDF). 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 Nadolyn Y. Hoskins, School Site Leader for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.bkbacademy.org or you may review a copy in the main office at BKBA - WCJDF.

BKBA is a Strict Discipline Academy (SDA) operating a 6.5 hour per day school program at the WCJDF. While the short-term, transient nature of our student population does not lend itself to optimal engagement, learning and personal growth, BKBA – WCJDF is committed to encouraging a spirit of hope and a desire for students to participate in the learning process. Total disengagement from the learning process coupled with behavior issues that interrupt the learning cycle often cause rising disparity between academic performance and expectations. Despite being locked up and awaiting court action stand in direct opposition to effective teaching and learning, we continuously explore and monitor a wide range of educational and behavioral intervention methods to respond to and re-adjust our instructional practices appropriately and quickly to meet the needs of each student.

State law requires that we also report additional information on the following:

Student Assignment to School

BKBA is housed in the WCJDF, a secure placement serving cities and townships throughout Wayne County. BKBA has no control over students who are placed in the WCJDF. Students, ages 8 – 20, are admitted and released by order of the juvenile court system.

School Improvement Status

Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) is designed to increase academic and social development in areas we believe will help students make a more successful transition back into their homes, schools and communities. Our focus will continue to be ensuring our students leave us with a deeper understanding of **who they are, where they are and where they want to go**. Our SIP team members, including external stakeholders, meet regularly, monitor continuously and make any adjustments needed to make sure our strategies and activities are benefitting the needs of our students and their families. Our daily instructional and operational practices are in direct alignment with our SIP's goals and objectives.

Specialized Schools

BKBA does not have a specialized school at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility site.

Core Curriculum

BKBA is phasing in Rubicon Atlas, a web-based curriculum mapping tool fully aligned with Michigan's Common Core State Standards (CCSS). We are also integrating Compass Learning, a digital curriculum, to support blended and accelerated learning as well as credit recovery. To enhance our students' ability to meet academic demands and provide them with equitable opportunities to learn, we continue to implement READ 180/System 44 and the Discovery Assessment process into our core programming.

Any deviation from core curriculum standards is due to the extreme transient nature of our student population.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results

Please go to the www.bkbacademy.org website to view this information.

Parent – Teacher Conference Attendance and Parent Involvement

Our parents have many opportunities to stay informed about student progress, educational programming and community resources through Parent-Teacher Conferences and Parent Meet and Greets. Our Parent Meet and Greets connect our families with valuable information and resources that exist in their own communities. Parents have the opportunity to meet community leaders and receive services from a wide variety of community agencies. We generally have at least a 50% participation rate at our parent activities.

Postsecondary Enrollment

BKBA – WCJDF does not participate in a dual enrollment program or AP/IB level courses.

BKBA, working in partnership with the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility is committed to providing high quality educational programming and transformative learning experiences in an environment that is safe, structured and conducive to academic, social and personal growth. Our teachers are trained in various methods for managing youth in confinement as well as various instructional methods to help them implement teaching and learning techniques that ensure student engagement and achievement. At BKBA – WCJDF, we believe that a student's past does not define his or her future.

Sincerely,



Nadolyn Y. Hoskins, Site Leader