



TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS 2008-2009 DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Tri County Area Schools Residents,

We proudly present this 2008-2009 Annual School Report that provides pertinent information about your school district. We update this report each year. This is the seventeenth annual report.

Our administrators, teachers, support staff, and students work very hard each year to ensure that each student is successful. We work each year to make improvements. We trust that this information provides you with helpful information.

We encourage all community members, including parents and business leaders, to continue to support all of our students and to get involved in helping all of our students succeed. Our goal is to help all of our students achieve at high levels.

Please contact our school principals, school board members, or myself if you are sincerely interested in becoming directly involved in our school improvement process.

Sincerely,

James K. Scholten, M.A.
Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT DATA

Administration	11
Directors	4
Instructional Staff	146
Support Staff	115
State Equalized Valuation	390,033,173
2008-2009 Budget	19,745,670
2008-2009 Millages:	
Homestead (State)	6.0
Non-Homestead (State)	6.0
Non-Homestead (Local)	18.0
Debt Retirement	2.8989

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement will make a positive impact on children's success in school and throughout life. Our parents are involved in many ways by:

- Having daily discussions and/or sharing about school with their child.
- Ensuring that their child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- Supporting the school discipline policy.
- Reading with their child daily and letting them see them read.
- Reading and reviewing all information their child brings home from school.
- Attending Parent/Teacher conferences for their child.
- Being actively involved (volunteer, field trips, etc)

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

We will educate ALL students and share with the community the responsibility to assure an environment that inspires life long learning.

North Central Association

Our High School was again given accreditation by NCA. The accreditation status means that the school has met the standards for facilities, staff, curriculum, and school improvement set by that organization.

2008-2009 At A Glance

* Each of our school buildings review their MEAP and MME (the State of Michigan standardized tests) data to determine areas where they need to make improvements. Each of our buildings is aware that our students need to make improvements in the area of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Our teachers also review data from local common assessments. This also helps them to understand where our students need help.

* Significant professional development and in-service activities for our professional staff provided opportunities to learn about better instruction processes, or to work with experts who helped them implement best instructional practices. Our teachers were also provided with time to talk with each other about how they can make improvements.

* Each school had school improvement teams that worked to write school improvement plans that will direct their efforts for the upcoming school year. It is clearly understood that improvement is an ongoing process. Our staff members will continue to evaluate their students' performance and determine how they can best make improvements.

Staffing Requirements Under "No Child Left Behind"

The NCLB Act required that school districts report on the professional qualifications of all teachers employed by the district. We are able to report at this time that **ALL (100%) of Tri County Area Schools' teachers are working in teaching assignments within their State Certification and area of expertise, and are highly qualified.**

Average Student Attendance

High School	91.92%
Middle School	92.90%
Edgerton	95.83%
MacNaughton	94.77%
Sand Lake	95.22%

Parent Participation

Many different types of meetings, conferences, and events were held during the year involving almost all parents in our district. The knowledge and assistance of people regarding our building and financial issues have been strong indicators of the effectiveness of parental involvement and school communications. We hope to raise these figures, especially at secondary levels.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held in all buildings both in the Fall and the Spring. Parental attendance at conferences is given below.

	<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2008-09</u>	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Elementary	94%	91%	93%	91%
Edgerton	89%	86%	90%	86%
Middle School	60%	34%	59%	47%
High School	20%	13%	23%	10%

Professional Qualifications of All Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in the District.

B.A.	B.A. + 20	M.A.	M.A. + 15	Ed Sp/M.A +30	Ph.D
23	47	58	10	6	

Retention and Dropout Rates

All public schools are required to verify student enrollments on the Fourth Wednesday in September and to record the percentages of students who drop out of the school system. Retention Rate is the percentage of ninth graders who graduate from high school, adjusting for students who move in and out of the district and students attending alternative high school programs.

Drop Out Rate is the percentage of students who leave school in any one year, again adjusting for students who move in and out of the district. Graduation Rate is the percentage of 9th graders who will complete their senior year and graduate.

Tri County dropout and retention information is listed below:

	<u>05-06</u>	<u>06-07</u>	<u>07-08</u>	<u>08-09</u>
Drop-Out	1.55%	.85%	8.33%	11.05%
Retention	98.45%	99.15%		
Graduation	93.39%	96.79%	86.31%	81.77%

The method of calculation for the 07-08 and 08-09 rates is different than the previous years.

MEAP SCORES 2007-2008		MATH		READING		WRITING		ELA		SCIENCE		SOCIAL STUDIES	
		2007 Fall	2008 Fall	2007 Fall	2008 Fall	2007 Fall	2008 Fall	2007 Fall	2008 Fall	2007 Fall	2008 Fall	2007 Fall	2008 Fall
3 rd	Tri County	88	94.6	84	90.3	55	61.4	80	85.9				
	State	90	90	86	86	57	57	81	81				
4 th	Tri County	88	87.6	87	83.9	43	41.5	82	78.4				
	State	86	86	84	84	44	44	76	76				
5 th	Tri County	69	72.1	81	83.6	55	61.5	77	81.3	89	88.5		
	State	74	74	82	82	59	59	78	78	82	82		
6 th	Tri County	66	76	81	77.2	63	70.5	79	75.5			81	68.8
	State	73	73	82	82	73	73	80	80			73	73
7 th	Tri County	79	81.5	80	70.1	83	69.4	84	71.3				
	State	73	73	72	72	77	77	74	74				
8 th	Tri County	67	77.2	76	76.7	69	69.1	77	75.3	81	80.2		
	State	72	71	77	77	70	70	75	75	79	79		
9 th	Tri County											75	81
	State											71	71

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION

Tri County High School students participate in the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) test of proficiency. Scores are reported on a four-point rubric noting level of proficiency (1 being the highest and 4 noting non-proficiency). Scores are reported by class (year of graduation) and compared to peers across the State of Michigan. The new test, Michigan Merit Examination (MME) consists of the MEAP and ACT components.

MME		Mathematics	Reading	Writing	ELA	Science	Social Studies
Class of 2009 (11 th graders)	Tri County	39	60	40	52	59	86
	State	46	62	41	52	57	80
Class of 2008 (as 11 th graders)	Tri County	40	56	31	40	48	82
	State	46	60	40	51	56	83
Class of 2010 (as 11 th graders)	Tri County	50.0	56.1	41.1	48.3	49.4	79.4
	State	49.3	59.9	43.4	52.1	55.6	81.3

ACT (American College Test)	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Tri County Average Score	21.1	21.0	17.8	18.0	18.2
State Average Score	21.3	21.5	18.8	18.8	19.0

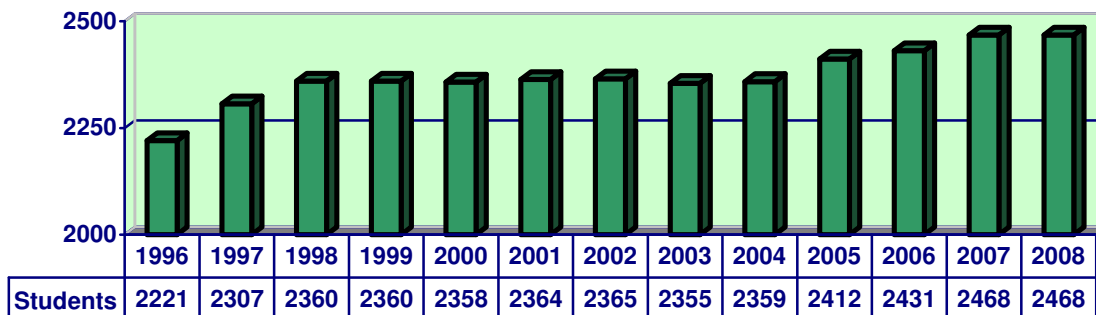
REPORT CARD GRADES:	<u>06-07</u>	<u>07-08</u>	<u>08-09</u>
Sand Lake Elementary	B	B	A
MacNaughton Elementary	B	B	A
Edgerton Upper Elementary	B	B	B
Middle School	B	B	B
High School	B	B	B

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

Student counts from September 2008 show our schools to have the following enrollments:

Sand Lake Elementary	418
MacNaughton Elementary	491
Edgerton Upper Elementary	248
Tri County Middle School	569
Tri County High School	742

TRI COUNTY K-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENTS



SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In 2008-09 Tri County provided the following special education programs within the district serving over 200 students.

Sand Lake - 1 Resource Room, 1 Mildly Cognitively Impaired (3-5), Title I

MacNaughton – 1 Resource Room, 1 Mildly Cognitively Impaired (K-2), Title I, Little People Land

Edgerton – 1 Resource Room

Middle School - 3 Resource Rooms, 1 Mildly Cognitively Impaired

High School – Inclusion Program for Resource Room, 2 Mildly Cognitively Impaired

Students also receive a variety of special education services from the Montcalm Intermediate School District. We also have special students attending programs outside the district that we cannot offer. All buildings provided speech, social work, and psychological services.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS

Career Center - Vocational courses were provided for 11th and 12th grade students during 2007-08 school year, with students attending Newaygo Career Center and Kent Career Center.

M.C.C. Partnership – We have expanded partnership with Montcalm Community College in offering Dual Enrollment Chemistry, English, Social Studies, and Calculus on our campus, while M.C.C. has added a new facility in Howard City. As many as 25% of Tri County High School seniors earned credit for college coursework during this school year.

Seiter Center - This MAISD program contains a variety of specialized education programs.

Greenville Emotionally Impaired Room - We have one student attending this program.

Little People Land – This is a preschool special education program offered at MacNaughton Elementary.

TRI COUNTY PRESCHOOL

For the sixteenth year, Tri County Area Schools offered a four-year-old preschool program with state funding for at-risk four-year-olds. We were able to serve 60 students. The funding at this time is not known if it will be continued for the 2009–2010 school year.

TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

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ADMINISTRATION for 2008-2009

Superintendent	James K. Scholten
School Board President	Robert Cichewicz
Vice President	Mike Bergman
Secretary	Janet Powell
Treasurer	Mary Inman
Trustee	Curt Kellogg
Trustee	Brian Corwin
Trustee	Chad Dailey

PRINCIPALS

High School	Mark Simons	937-4338
Assistant High School	Joe Williams	937-4338
Middle School	Kurt Mabie	937-4318
Assistant Middle School	Bill Cichewicz	937-4318
MacNaughton Elementary	Allen Cumings	937-4380
Sand Lake Elementary	Krys Sweeney	636-5669
Edgerton Upper Elementary	Susan Wanner	937-4391
Business Manager	Tamera Powers	636-5454
Director of Operations	Steve Soules	636-5454
Transportation Supervisor	Linda Dixon	937-4386
Food Service Supervisor	Shirley Schrader	937-4338

