



Caniff Liberty Academy

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

April 22, 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 Caniff Liberty Academy. 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 Dr. Mark Gable for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site at <https://goo.gl/GZx6wV>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Caniff Liberty Academy is seeking to continue innovative ways to improve student achievement. Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, our school has been making strides to have one of the first beginners programs in the metro Detroit area due to an ELL population of over 75%. Additionally, Caniff Liberty Academy is adopting the Atlas Rubicon to streamline the pacing of our curriculum in Math and Literacy. Additionally, we have a ELL staffing shortage of supporting the enormous needs to supporting our students. With aggressive human resource support, we can accommodate the Beginners Program this fall.

Pupils are assigned to Caniff Liberty Academy by the appropriate age to match the grade level to work with peers in an inclusion setting, no matter what disabilities some children may have at school.

The status of the 3-5 year implementation is ongoing with a new set of leaders on the committee to provide new insight on the academics and best practices of the school. Currently, our 4th year is being monitored where we are focusing on a Beginners Program for our immigrants attending Caniff Liberty Academy.

The Saginaw Valley State University Curriculum uses Common Core Standards for our students and can be reviewed online through the Caniff Liberty Academy website.

Our program is unique in serving the Hamtramck community because we focus on students new to our country. Many of our students have not acquired any educational background in their country of origin. Students come to our building to build language and literacy skills. Since the opening of Caniff Liberty Academy in September 2012, our enrollment has climbed to 415 students.

We are working with small group instruction by reading and math specialists for grades K-8. Furthermore, each floor at Caniff Liberty Academy has 2 full time paraprofessionals that have student caseloads where objectives are being met and documented.

By the past year at Caniff Liberty Academy, our parent participation ranges up to 30% for some grade levels for conferences. We have held students to work on SMART Goals where they are try to adapt student led conferences, especially with the challenge of some parents not speaking English.

Our school has developed comprehensive school improvement plans that address academic goals, strategies and interventions in order to meet all academic improvement targets. Caniff Liberty Academy encourages parents to volunteer in many different facets within our building, from reading to elementary students to helping with projects. We look forward to continuing our service to our Hamtramck community for an exciting future. We will continue to work together to provide students a high class education as they gain skills and education required to be successful in our 21st century metro-Detroit community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Gable
Principal