DISTRICT 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 2019-2020 educational progress for the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact the school’s principal for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.daasdistrict.org (Click the MISchoolData logo) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child’s school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status
The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data
- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)
- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data
- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety
Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2019-2020 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

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We recognize the challenges our school community faces and are working diligently to make a difference. At DAAS we have expanded our academic intervention program to provide more individualized and targeted assistance to students who may be struggling with academic performance; we have expanded our instructional intervention teams; we have introduced instructional technology tools that will support and enhance learning; and, we have initiated a focused curriculum structure that concentrates upon and extends instructional time for students to allow an even greater opportunity for them to practice the skills learned, gradually increasing the degree of abstraction and complexity.

We are excited and serious about the new programs and organizational structures that will be implemented and have set high expectations for our students’ academic performance. It is our expectation that these measures will keep our school on a continuous path of improvement.

As we approach this new school year, we will remain focused and dedicated to the accomplishment of all of our students. We look forward to your partnership in this effort and the ultimate celebration of student achievement.

Sincerely,

Maurice Morton

Chief Executive Officer