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# MOUNTAINBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mountainburg Public Schools continue to seek to improve student achievement and test scores. The experiences our students have received and several indicators of their performance are recorded in this document along with other information regarding the operations of the district during 2008-2009.

The annual report to the public took place on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in the boardroom located at 129 Hwy 71 SW in Mountainburg. Superintendent Dennis Copeland reported the status of progress for each school in the district as of the completion of the 2008-2009 school year. Each school is implementing the interventions in the ACSIP Plan. The **ACSIP Plan** describes how our school will meet local, state, and federal requirements. It involves professional development for teachers, parental involvement, academic/curriculum alignment, and deals with benchmark testing, end of course testing (EOC) for Literacy, Math, and Science. Federal programs are tied to the ACSIP program and must be part of the budget. The Federal programs include: Title I, Title II A, Title IV A, and Title VI.

Mountainburg School District meets standards in every category concerning the Adequate Yearly Progress (**AYP**). We are very proud of this achievement. It is a tribute to our students, faculty, staff, parents, and community. The breakdown of each school is as follows: Mountainburg Elementary (K-4) **Ach**, which means **achieving**, Mountainburg Middle School (5-8) **Ach**, and Mountainburg High School (**TI-A-1**) which is **Targeted Improvement: Achieving Year 1**. The High School was on School Improvement Year 1 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade Literacy Scores from the 2007-2008 school year. Our High School test scores met standards during the 2008-2009 school year, and if our students test scores can meet **AYP** requirements in the 2009-2010 school year, the High School will be off school improvement.

### Test Results of Augumented Benchmark Results and End of Course (EOC)

| Proficient/Advanced             | Math  | Literacy | Science | AYP           |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------|
| Grade 3                         | 56%   | 54%      |         |               |
| Grade 4                         | 75%   | 71%      |         | M=67% L=63.4% |
| Grade 5                         | 85%   | 72%      | 62%     |               |
| Grade 6                         | 80%   | 68%      |         |               |
| Grade 7                         | 78%   | 73%      | 39%     |               |
| Grade 8                         | 75%   | 78%      |         | M=72% L=72.3% |
| Algebra I EOC                   | 78%   |          |         |               |
| Geometry EOC                    | 68%   |          |         | M=72%         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy | 61.2% |          |         | L=61.2%       |
| Biology EOC                     |       |          | 49%     |               |

### ACT Results Mountainburg/State 2008-2009

| English |       | Math |       | Science |       | Reading |       | Composite |       |      |
|---------|-------|------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|------|
| Dist    | State | Dist | State | Dist    | State | Dist    | State | Dist      | State |      |
| 20.6    | 20.7  | 20.5 | 20.1  | 20.9    | 20.3  | 20.7    | 21.0  | 2008-     | 20.8  | 20.6 |
| 18.6    | 20.6  | 20.1 | 20.1  | 19.0    | 20.2  | 20.1    | 21.0  | 2009-     | 19.4  | 20.6 |

| Stanford 10<br>% Above 50 | Math              | Reading Comprehension |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Grade K (MAT 8)           | 20%               | 27%                   |
| Grade 1                   | 33%               | 14%                   |
| Grade 2                   | 44%               | 39%                   |
| Grade 3                   | 39%               | 27%                   |
| Grade 4                   | 75%               | 53%                   |
| Grade 5                   | 71%               | 50%                   |
| Grade 6                   | 64%               | 50%                   |
| Grade 7                   | 68%               | 56%                   |
| Grade 8                   | 75%               | 49%                   |
| Grade 9                   | 93%               | 74%                   |
| Algebra II                | Prepared or Above |                       |
| Grade 10                  | 23%               |                       |
| Grade 11                  | 10%               |                       |

The district average daily membership (ADM) for last year was 706.69. The district enrollment for 2009-2010 is 688 to date. The student population exceeds 95% Caucasian with no evidence of English Language Learners (ELL) and no students participating in English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The percentage of students eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program reached 62% during the 2008-2009 school year. The first quarter of 2009-2010 surpassed 72% eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. The Elementary had an attendance rate of 95.5 %, the Middle School attendance rare was 95.2%, and the High School Graduation Rate was 85%.

### Financial Management

Due to declining enrollment, the legal balance has declined the last two years. The district has taken steps to save money and continues to look for ways to reduce expenditures. The fiscal approach has to be caution and stability for the long haul.

The district employs 65 certified and 48 classified staff.

### **Accreditation Status**

For the 2008-2009 school year, all three schools were accredited-cited because a teacher or supervisor was not fully certified. Currently, all teachers but one are fully certified. The one teacher has complied with all Department of Education requirements to become certified in a timely manner. The teacher is scheduled to take the Praxis II in November.

### **School Board Facts**

Mountainburg School Board members documented more than the minimum required hours in Arkansas School Board training. Each member is required to attend at least six hours per year. All five board members have completed this requirement.

The Mountainburg Public School District is governed by a five member Board of Education. School board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 in the boardroom, located in the bottom floor of the Administration Building at 129 Hwy 71 SW. The meetings are open to the public. Parents, grandparents, care-providers of Mountainburg students are encouraged to become more familiar with the governance of the school district.

### **Federal Stimulus Funds**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or Federal Stimulus Funds can be used through Title I, Title VI B, or SFSF designation. Mountainburg has an approved ARRA Plan and will use these funds for renovation, technology, and other approved programs.

Additional information about district resources, programs, and opportunities for students can be accessed at the district website, [www.mountainburg.org](http://www.mountainburg.org).