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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

January 31st, 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-2024 educational progress for Michigan Virtual Charter 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. Please contact Randy Rodriguez for assistance if you have any questions about the AER.

You can review the AER electronically by visiting the following website: [MVCA AER](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-2024. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-2022. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-2022. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school.

MVCA's Comprehensive Support and Improvement designation results from the graduation rate. Schools with a graduation rate below 67% are identified as needing comprehensive support, and MVCA's graduation rate was below 67%. MVCA has created a graduation committee to increase graduation rates by ensuring that students in the school receive the support required to graduate and that withdrawn students plan to continue their education, even with a different institution. MVCA has recognized that the student turnover rate strongly correlates negatively with the graduation rate. Many measures are being taken to retain students at the academy, including but not limited to building stronger relationships with students and families.

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MVCA uses the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), Michigan's Alternate Assessment Program (MIACCESS), PSAT, SAT, and internal assessments are used to drive the academic plan. MVCA also uses Renaissance STAR benchmark assessments to measure growth and achievement. Growth in all subjects was observed, and MVCA is committed to identifying all opportunities for academic growth. Professional development surrounding data-driven instruction and including highly effective instructional strategies has always been and will continue to be, a focus in the next academic year. Planning effective instruction and implementing plans with fidelity will be crucial in increasing student achievement and closing gaps.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

- 1.** MVCA serves full-time students in grades K-12 who meet this policy's requirements and are residents of the state of Michigan or are foreign exchange students. MVCA does not charge tuition or discriminate in its pupil admissions policies or practices based on intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a student with a disability, or any other basis that would be illegal if used by a school district.

An open enrollment period will be held annually using the procedure outlined below. The deadline for accepting applications will be clearly stated on the enrollment section of the school website hosted on the K12 server, the K12 corporate website, and at all information sessions and publications regarding enrollment for the school. MVCA's enrollment was capped at 3,460 for the 2022-2023 school year and 3,460 for the 2023-2024 school year.

To apply for enrollment in MVCA during the open enrollment period, parents must complete the online application at the MVCA portion of the K12 corporate website: <https://mvca.k12.com/how-enroll.html>. Applications will be reviewed for age eligibility.

Students must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten. If an application states that the student will not meet the age requirement for kindergarten, the parent will be contacted to confirm the date of birth before the student is deemed ineligible for the school.

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During the enrollment process, age eligibility will be verified by requiring a certified copy or original of the student's birth certificate before a student's enrollment is complete. Students ages 17-21 enrolling in the Passport program must be identified as a dropout in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) maintained by The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI). Students who were enrolled at the Academy in the prior school year shall be admitted and enrolled. All current students and their siblings who have compliant applications will be placed. Suppose there are remaining seats in either the K-8 or the 9- 12 ranges and the number of eligible applications for enrollment exceeds the capacity for the K-12 program. In that case, an enrollment lottery will be held.

2. MVCA's School Improvement Team collaborated several times during the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school years to create, revise, and monitor the school-wide plan. Several data sources, including those in the combined report, were analyzed. This plan is a living document and is revisited regularly. Professional development opportunities are offered based on the goals in the plan. Time is also set aside for teachers to meet weekly in Professional Learning Communities based on the school-wide plan.

MVCA's first School Improvement goal is to improve proficiency by 3%-5% or to increase the percentage of students meeting their adequate growth target by 5%. This is measured through the nationally normed test, Star 360. The percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the Star 360 in math and ELA combined increased by 1.1%, from 37.3% in spring 2023 to 38.4% in spring 2024. The percentage of students meeting adequate growth increased by 6% - from 56% in the 2022-2023 school year to 62% in the 2023-2024 school year.

MVCA's second school improvement goal is to increase the 4-year graduation rate to meet the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) target of 67%. MVCA's graduation rate has been trending upward since the school was created. The 2022 4-year graduation rate was 52.6%, and the 2023 4-year graduation rate was 55.3%.

3. MVCA's elementary school program serves students in grades K-5. Each student in grades K-5 is assigned a homeroom teacher who serves as the

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content teacher for math, language arts, science, and social studies. Students demonstrating additional needs in reading or math receive extra support from highly qualified teachers. Students take physical education and either art or a foreign language through the online school in addition to their core classes.

MVCA's middle school program serves students in grades 6-8. Each student is assigned a homeroom teacher and content-specific math, language arts, science, and social studies teachers. Students also participate in elective courses such as art, Spanish, physical education, and health.

MVCA's high school services students in grades 9-12, providing a plethora of courses structured to meet the state standards and graduation requirements according to the MMC, as well as advanced coursework, dual-enrollment classes and college-level courses leading to certifications. An SAT preparatory course is offered, as well as both Fall and Spring SAT testing. Each student is assigned to a counselor who works with that student to determine graduation requirements and a pathway to meet those requirements. An individualized graduation plan is established and reviewed quarterly with each student/respective counselor. Each student takes classes based on the MMC and student choice. Each student is also assigned a homeroom teacher according to grade level.

- 4.** All parents are given access to the K12 curriculum upon enrollment approval. Curriculum alignment teams ensure that all curricula are aligned to state and Common Core Standards. Curriculum documents are available at the MVCA office, 1620 E Elza Ave, Hazel Park, MI 48030, for your review anytime.
- 5.** As noted previously, MVCA administers STAR 360 benchmark assessments. In spring 2023, 40% of students scored above average in ELA; in spring 2024, 40% scored proficient or above on the same assessment. In spring 2023, 35% of students scored above average in ELA; in spring 2024, 40% scored proficient or above on these benchmark assessments. From fall 2023 to spring 2024, 62% of students met their adequate growth target, up 6% from the previous year.
- 6.** Advanced coursework enrollment for the high school is detailed below.

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- In the 2022-2023 school year, 103 students, or 8.1% of the MVCA high school enrolled in postsecondary courses (dual enrollment). In the 2023-2024 school year, 68 students, or 5.1% of the MVCA high school student body, enrolled in postsecondary courses (dual enrollment).
- In the 2022-2023 school year, there was one college equivalent course offered, and in the 2023-2024 school year, no college equivalent courses were offered.
- In the 2022-2023 school year, there were 10 students (0.8%) enrolled in college equivalent courses (AP), and in the 2023-2024 school year, there were no students enrolled in college equivalent courses.
- In the 2022-2023 school year and the 2023-2024 school year, no students took an AP exam.

Michigan Virtual Charter Academy aims to provide innovative, intensive academic preparation that inspires and educates its students to achieve the highest academic knowledge and skills. MVCA is proud of the growth the students have achieved and are continuing to achieve. MVCA students steadily show significant gains on local assessments, and we are excited to see the positive projection of growth in the next academic year. MVCA is committed to creating a learning environment that removes barriers, creates opportunities, and empowers students to succeed while delivering hope for a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Randy Rodriguez

Head of School