

OFFICE OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDITS



FINAL EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT

FOR

CRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL

WAYNE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOVEMBER 2004

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The West Virginia Office of Education Performance Audits conducted an Education Performance Audit of Crum Middle School in Wayne County on April 28, 2003.

A Follow-up Education Performance Audit of Crum Middle School was conducted September 29, 2004. The purpose of the follow-up review was to verify correction of the findings identified during the original Education Performance Audit. The review was in accordance with West Virginia Code §18-2E-5 and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2320 which specify that a school that meets or exceeds the performance and progress standards but has other deficiencies shall remain on full accreditation status and a county school district shall remain on full approval status for the remainder of the accreditation period and shall have an opportunity to correct those deficiencies. The Code and policy include the provision that a school "... does not have any deficiencies which would endanger student health or safety or other extraordinary circumstances as defined by the West Virginia Board of Education."

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NONCOMPLIANCES

5.1 Curriculum

5.1.10. Programs of study. The Team determined through an interview with the teacher of music and a review of lesson plans that chorus was not offered as required by West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510. The Team also observed that foreign language was not offered at Grades 7 & 8.

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COMPLIANCE.

5.1.14. Multicultural education. The Team saw evidence that some multicultural activities were conducted; however, a multicultural education plan or curriculum was not available.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

COMPLIANCE.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1.4. Learning environment. The Team recommended that clutter be removed and materials organized to make the classrooms more attractive. The Team also recommended that student work be displayed in classrooms and in the corridors.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED.

5.1.8. Library/educational technology access and technology application. The Team recommended that the staff conduct an inventory of library materials and resources to determine future needs. The Team also recommended that the school consider a combination of print materials and software to make efficient use of available funds.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED.

5.2.1. Unified School Improvement Plan. Some teachers were not familiar with the Unified School Improvement Plan (USIP). The Team recommended that the staff be provided copies of the USIP improvement objectives and activities and that the USIP be reviewed at Faculty Senate meetings.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED.

5.2.6. Student Assistance Team. The Team determined through interviews that some teachers were not familiar with the Student Assistance Team (SAT) process. The Team recommended that the SAT process be reviewed at Faculty Senate meetings to ensure that teachers understand the process for referrals, developing interventions and modifications, and follow-up meetings for at-risk students.

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RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED.

SCHOOL SYSTEM APPROVAL & SCHOOL ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Office of Education Performance Audits recommends that the West Virginia Board of Education continue the **Full Approval** status of the Wayne County School System and issue **Full Accreditation** status to Crum Middle School.