Birch Street Elementary School-Annual Education Report

August 27, 2010

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2009-2010 educational progress for the Birch Street Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about AER, please contact Principal Ponstein for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.kpschools.com or you may review a copy from the office at your child's school.

Birch Street Elementary School made AYP for 2 or more years consecutively

For 2009-2010, Birch Street Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

Birch Street Elementary School has a well developed Response to Intervention program that provides a Common Core Curriculum, Assessment, and Intervention Strategies for all students. We work to improve this program through the School Improvement Process.

Parents can become involved in the school improvement process. Look for announcements of meetings held several times annually and plan on attending.

Additional Information

- Birch Street has developed building goals in the academic areas of Math, Reading and Writing. Achievement scores have improved over the past several years.
- A Parent's Guide to the grade level expectations (Core Curriculum) can be obtained at your school office.
- Over 95% of our parents attend Parent –Teacher Conferences.

The staff of Birch Street Elementary School is proud of the recent improvement initiatives and looks forward to giving the Kalkaska Community the best in elementary and intermediate school education.

Sincerely,

Ric Ponstein, Principal Birch Street Elementary School