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**MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN ITS “2ND ANNUAL PARADE OF SUCCESS”
MAY 31, 2006**

Please join students, staff and parents of the Mount Clemens Community School District in a celebration of student academic success that includes a parade through the city, entertainment, dignitaries, celebrities and highlights of each school’s accomplishments. The event begins on May 31, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mount Clemens High School Athletic Field with a kickoff program. After the program, beginning at 10:00 a.m. students, staff, parents and school supporters will parade proudly through the community from Church Street to Lodewyck. From Lodewyck, the parade route will continue to Robertson, Moross and back to Church Street. Superintendent, Dr. T. C. Wallace, Jr. has extended an invitation to parents, community members and other supporters to come to the opening ceremony and then join the district’s students on their proud march through the city. “Student achievement is our only business,” expressed Dr. Wallace.

Adequate Yearly Progress

For the first time in the history of the school district, all schools and the district earned Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which is one of the cornerstones of the federal No

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Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the school district is on target for having 100% of its students proficient by the year 2014. “We are proud that all of our schools and the district made AYP. This is a good indicator that we are well on our way to becoming a world-class learning institution,” said Dr. Terri Spencer, Chief Academic Officer.

MEAP Increases

The district-wide improvement model that the district began implementing during the 2004-2005 school year has resulted in significant increases in student performance while decreasing the achievement gap between subgroups of students. Even though there are many indicators of success that the district plans to highlight during the parade, the Fall 2005 MEAP testing results were exciting to teachers because they show that students are performing higher than ever! Depending on the grade level or subject area, there were many increases in percentage of students proficient—some were *triple digit* increases in just one year!! “We are stepping up the pace toward the ‘summit of success’ to ensure that each one of our students achieves at high levels.” said Dr. T. C. Wallace, Jr.

NCA Endorsement

Additionally, all of the Mount Clemens Community Schools were awarded the Outcomes Endorsement and Accreditation through the prestigious North Central Association’s Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. This endorsement means that the schools have gone beyond the traditional accreditation standards to one that requires a new level of accountability. In order to receive the accreditation under this demanding improvement cycle, there must be strong evidence that student achievement levels have increased.

“We invite each and every one of you to join us on our journey upward!” said Dr. T. C. Wallace, Jr.