



# G.T. NORMAN ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2013-2014 educational progress for G.T. Norman Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact DeAnna Goodman, principal, for help if you would like assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically, by visiting the following website or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school: [www.reedcity.k12.mi.us](http://www.reedcity.k12.mi.us). The following is a direct link to the buildings data: <http://www.mischooldata.org/DistrictSchoolProfiles/ReportCard/EducationDashboard.aspx>

For the 2013-2014 school year, G.T. Norman Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics. We were not identified as a school for improvement. While we are pleased to have attained this goal, we are continuously working to improve our curriculum and instruction, which will have a direct correlation to higher test scores. We appreciate the support of parents, community members, and staff in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information. G.T. Norman Elementary assigns all students, based on all of the state guidelines for age appropriate placement. We also accept and place students in the proper grade, if they transfer into G.T. Norman Elementary.

Over the past school year and summer, we have reviewed and updated our school improvement plan to better meet the needs of our students, including those who are defined as economically disadvantaged. This special population allows us to qualify as a Title 1 school building, creating more opportunities for success in addressing the needs of students in our community. This plan is reviewed each year.

Parents and students can access the newly adopted state Common Core Curriculum, by stopping into the front office of our building. Along with the annual MEAP assessment, G.T. Norman uses the Dibels language and literacy assessment and the Delta math assessment to monitor our student's progress throughout the school year. These assessments help us to gauge if our students are at grade level benchmarks. Parents may ask to view our student data on state and local assessments, in our front office as well.

Parent-Teacher conferences represent a great opportunity for parents to fully understand the progress of their student, by meeting their child's teacher. At G.T. Norman, the attendance for parent-teacher conferences averages 90% or better for the 690 students, currently enrolled in our building.

As the principal of G.T. Norman Elementary, I am very pleased with our parents and community and the support they demonstrate toward our elementary school. It is truly wonderful to watch, as parents and staff work together for the students in our community. We will continue to meet the expectations the state requires of our school.

Sincerely,

DeAnna Goodman  
Principal, G.T. Norman Elementary

