

REED CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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 2012-2013 educational progress for Reed City Middle 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 Dean McGuire, principal, for help if you would like assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically, by visiting the following website; www.reedcity.k12.mi.us, or you may review a copy in Mr. McGuire's office, at your child's school.

For the 2012-2013 school year, Reed City Middle School 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. Reed City Middle School 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 Reed City Middle School. Over the past school year and summer, we reviewed and updated our school improvement plan to better meet the needs of our students. The staff at Reed City Middle School promotes the success of our students, by offering an after school tutoring and help program. This program is made available to parents for free, and it enables all students, including those at risk of falling behind grade level benchmark, an opportunity to get help from a highly qualified teacher each day after school. For those students, who need additional challenge, Reed City Middle School offers a seminar math class, which allows students to move at a faster pace through the math curriculum. These students can earn high school math credit, during their 8th grade Algebra class.

Parents and students can access the newly adopted state Common Core Curriculum, by stopping in the front office of our building. Along with the annual MEAP assessment, our middle school uses the Delta math assessment, the STAR reading assessment, and locally developed assessments 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 assessments, in the front office as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences represent a great opportunity for parents to fully understand the progress of their student, by meeting with their child's teachers. At Reed City Middle School, the attendance for parent-teacher conferences averages 50% or better for the 368 students, currently enrolled in our building.

As the principal of Reed City Middle School, I am very proud of our parents and community for the support they offer the students and staff of our 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,

Dean McGuire
Principal, Reed City Middle School

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