

September 7, 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 G.T. Norman 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 the AER, please contact David Vander Goot, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.reedcity.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy at the G.T. Norman Principal's office.

For 2009-2010, G. T. Norman 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.

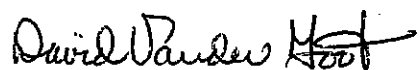
State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. At G.T. Norman Elementary School students are assigned by following all of the state guidelines for age appropriate placement. This means that students entering kindergarten must be five years old by December 1. This also means that the school accept and place students in the proper grade if they transfer into G.T. Norman.
2. This past summer,2010, the current school improvement plan was rewritten by a committee of teachers and parents to better deal with meeting the needs of students who are at risk both academically and economically. This change was accomplished by moving from a targeted assisted (% of student population) Title 1 school to a school wide assisted (all students are eligible for services) Title 1 school. The new plan is reviewed and revised as needed over the course of each year for the next 3-5 years as dictated by student needs.
3. Parents and community members can access core curriculum and its implementation by either going to the RCAPS central office or the Norman office to review a copy of the core curriculum used in G.T. Norman Elementary School.
4. All aggregated student achievement results can be obtained by going to the RCAPS web site and by asking for the opportunity to look over the data at the G. T. Norman office.
5. Parent-teacher conferences represent a great opportunity for parents to fully understand the progress of their student by meeting with their child's teacher. At G.T. Norman the attendance for parent teacher conference is 90% of parents attend for the 675 students enrolled in Norman Elementary.

As the principal at G.T. Norman, I am very pleased with our parents and community and the support that they demonstrate toward the elementary school. It is truly wonderful to watch as parent volunteers work hand in hand with students and teachers to provide the

best educational opportunities for students to learn. We are working very hard to meet all of the expectations that the state requires of Norman Elementary and will continue to do so in the coming school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Vander Goot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

David Vander Goot
Principal
G.T. Norman Elementary School