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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter Tobey Elementary

January 15, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2024-25 educational progress for Tobey Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Bill Dygert, Principal, at 269-321-1660 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website Vicksburg Community Schools, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given, as is the case with Tobey Elementary.

Tobey continues to live up to the high expectations. We challenge ourselves in each academic area to improve every year. We have been especially proud of our student cohorts that continue to progress from year to year. The "Tobey Way" and "Tobey Community" programs have been recognized on a National Level as we continue to work towards being recognized as a School of Character. In fact, in the 2022-2023 school year Tobey was named an Honorable Mention National School of Character. Relationships keep being built that reinforce our improvement efforts. Parent involvement has regained the pre-pandemic level. Our goal is to provide the best experience for students by seeking educational excellence. We routinely are recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as one of the "Best" elementary schools in Michigan.

State law requires that we also report additional information.



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Process for assigning pupils to the school:

Elementary students are assigned to one of three school buildings based on geographical boundaries to fully utilize the district's teaching and facility resources. We attempt to assign Schools of Choice students to the closest building geographically, but it first depends upon availability.

Status of the School Improvement Plan:

Tobey Elementary continues to utilize the state of Michigan's documentation format called the MI School Improvement Framework. There is a significant amount of data reviewed as we develop goals, strategies, and activities to support our efforts within the scope of the school improvement plan. We continue to work towards 100% of our students attaining proficiency in the curricular areas of Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We have also added a social/emotional goal that addresses functioning at all three levels within the school (curriculum, procedures, and home connection). By improving our schools social/emotional health achievement will also increase.

Specialized Schools:

- GSRP Preschool - GSRP preschool focuses on school readiness skills in a fun, play-based format. GSRP is entirely FREE to families who meet the qualifications. This includes transportation, meals, snacks, parent education programs, and field trips.
- Early Childhood Special Education - a special education classroom environment designed to provide school-aged students with disabilities services to prepare them for Kindergarten.
- Hearing, Vision, Occupational Therapy, and Social Work Consultation Services.
- School Counselor Services - These services are offered to all students.

Core Curriculum:

The area that has the most impact on student achievement is the Common Core State Standards, aligned with our curriculum and programming. Common Core State Standards are used in K-12 for English Language Arts and Math. The Cereal City Science Kits, our instructional resource for science in grades K-5, are aligned to the Michigan Science Standards, and the MC3 is used for Social Studies for grades K-5.

The Core Curriculum at Tobey Elementary can be viewed by contacting Bill Dygert, Principal, at 269-321-1660.





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Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Competency Tests or Nationally Normed Achievement Tests:

2025-26 Tobey Elementary					2025-2026 Tobey Elementary					
	At or Above Grade Level	One Grade Level Below	Two Grade Levels Below	Three or More Grade Levels Below			At or Above Grade Level	One Grade Level Below	Two Grade Levels Below	Three or More Grade Levels Below
i-Ready Reading- Fall 2025					i-Ready Reading- Winter 2025					
K	30%	70%	0%	0%	K	75%	25%	0%	0%	
1st	27%	71%	2%	0%	1st	60%	38%	2%	0%	
2nd	29%	56%	16%	0%	2nd	45%	49%	6%	0%	
3rd	61%	33%	6%	0%	3rd	79%	17%	4%	0%	
4th	40%	46%	8%	6%	4th	51%	39%	6%	4%	
5th	37%	37%	25%	1%	5th	46%	43%	10%	1%	
i-Ready Math- Fall 2025					i-Ready Math- Winter 2025					
K	18%	82%	0%	0%	K	43%	58%	0%	0%	
1st	4%	91%	4%	0%	1st	16%	81%	2%	0%	
2nd	11%	59%	30%	0%	2nd	25%	68%	6%	0%	
3rd	15%	70%	13%	2%	3rd	41%	57%	2%	0%	
4th	15%	58%	18%	8%	4th	31%	58%	7%	4%	
5th	23%	56%	15%	5%	5th	36%	47%	14%	3%	





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Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year on multiple evenings. Parents sign up for a time using Schoolbookings.net to make it conducive for attendance. At most grade levels the attendance at the parent teacher conferences was 100%. Adjustments were made for those families unable to meet in-person, and phone conferences were held.

Tobey Elementary continues to be a wonderful, family oriented elementary school. We appreciate the support that our Tobey Community gives to the school. We will continue to offer a positive, safe learning environment

Sincerely,

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