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|  | Dear Families,  On Friday, the State of Michigan released the 2016 School Rankings and Reward School Status. Cooley was recognized as a Reward school and also ranked in the 89th percentile for achievement when compared to all other schools across the state K-12.  Cooley is being recognized as a Reward school for several reasons.   * Cooley was in the top 5% of all schools in Michigan for improvement in our test results on the M-Step test. * The state also recognizes schools that they consider are “Beating the Odds.” Cooley is recognized for “Beating the Odds” by performing much higher than the state expected based on our demographic information. The state expected us to be at 50% rank in comparison to other schools, instead Cooley was in the 89% when compared to every other school K-12 in the State of Michigan. * The state also compared Cooley to a peer group of the 30 schools most like us demographically in the state and based on achievement results Cooley ranked #1 in this group of 30 schools.   A school only has to meet one of the four criteria to be a Reward School. Cooley met three of the four possible criteria to achieve this status. The fourth criteria is to perform in the top 5% of the state for achievement. Cooley was close, performing in the top 11% of the state for overall achievement!  These results are a testament to great work, dedication and learning of the entire Cooley community. Thank you to the incredible Cooley staff as well as our hard-working students and awesome parents and grandparents who help make Cooley such a successful school every day. I’m proud to be the principal at Cooley!  Sincerely,  Mike Batten  Principal Cooley Elementary |









