



# LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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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 the Lawton High School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Tamara Webster, Curriculum Director for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [http://www.lawtoncs.org/Our\\_District/Annual\\_Reports.html](http://www.lawtoncs.org/Our_District/Annual_Reports.html) or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Our school has not be given any of these labels.

Lawton High School persistently works toward improving student achievement and reducing achievement gaps. Through innovative and research based programs including the Pledge to Graduate, Mentoring, and academic interventions, test scores continue to improve. In 2013-2014 Lawton High school was award a Bronze Medal Award by *US News and World Report*.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Lawton High School serves the students of Lawton Community School as well as surrounding schools and districts through the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice Plan. Schools of Choice students are reviewed for acceptance, using transcripts and discipline history as well as student interviews, as appropriate. Each marking period, a review of student achievement is conducted to determine which students may need additional intervention including referral to a program provided by the district's alternative education program.

This year, the NCA will conduct an onsite visit to evaluate our progress on our five year school improvement plan. All instructional staff serve on school improvement committees who meet frequently to revise the plan and review data. We are proud of the progress

made under the current plan and its role in creating an intentional culture at Lawton High School.

Lawton Community Schools and Lawton High School are fully compliant with the state approved curriculum but also offer specialized programming and requirements to add rigor and boost achievement. Among those opportunities are participation in the Van Buren Technology Program, Early College Programs, Dual Enrollment, and requirement of a lab-based science course. Lawton Community Schools offers Advanced Placement opportunities in Calculus, World and US History, and English Literature and Language. In 2014-2015 Lawton High School will also begin offering STEM programming as an elective through Project Lead the Way. Questions about course offerings should be directed to Darcy Munro, School Counselor.

Parent-Teacher contact is vital to student success and we augment scheduled conferences with online parent viewers and frequent communication by email or phone, striving to contact 100% of parents.

In the 2014-2015 School Year, the Michigan Merit Exam scores showed proficiencies of 67% in reading, 28% in mathematics, 37% in science, 62% in social studies, and 54% in writing. These scores were competitive in Van Buren Michigan as well as the state of Michigan.

Dual enrollment participation for the 2013-2014 School Year was 11 students, 17% of the total students qualifying for the program.

In the 2013-2014 School Year, 19 students participated in AP World History and the AP World History Exam. Of those, 13 students, 68%, had a score of 3 or above leading to college credit.

It is with much pride and enthusiasm that we approach the 2014-15 school year. Lawton High School has an outstanding staff and student body. We will continue to strive for excellence in all areas and to provide our students with opportunities that enable them to develop academically as well as productive citizens in our community. Keep up the Blue Devil Pride!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Wilson".

Tammy Wilson,  
Lawton High School Principal