



LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2019-20 educational progress for the Lawton Elementary 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 Principal Heather Olson 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**, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Like all districts in the state Lawton Elementary is focused on the mandate that all students be fully literate by the end of third grade. Additionally, we recognize the need to focus on our upper elementary math. Our engagement and work with an MTSS program at our ISD has provided us with tools to focus on these areas.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Lawton Elementary School serves all resident students in grades kindergarten through five as well as housing a Great Start Readiness Program. Lawton Elementary also accepts students through the 105 and 105c School of Choice programs through the district's school of choice windows. Rarely, a resident student is referred to a regional education center for special services required by the Individual Education Plan.



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Lawton Elementary School engages in regular rigorous school improvement that has led to a number of initiatives including wellness, early literacy, and standards-based grading. For the past two years, Lawton Elementary has focused on the MTSS process in cooperation with the Instructional Services Team at the Van Buren Intermediate School District.

Lawton Elementary School follows Michigan's core curriculum including Common Core State Standards, NGSS Science Standards, and Michigan's Standards for Visual and Fine Arts and Physical Education. We find focus in these standards by selecting and following a subset of essential standards in determining proficiency and growth. These essential standards are listed on each student's standards-based report card.

Lawton Elementary has parent-teacher conferences twice a year. In the 2019-2020 school year approximately 96% of students were represented by a parent once within the school year.

Lawton Elementary School is dedicated to providing meaningful learning opportunities for all students to reach their highest potential. Our dedicated staff and highly qualified teachers are making it a priority to build strong, lasting relationships with students, families, and the community.

Sincerely,

Heather Olson,
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