



LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2021-22 educational progress for 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 Tamara Webster, Curriculum Director, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website **https://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 2021-22 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 subgroup in 2018-19. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2017-18. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2016-17. 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. Our current challenge is providing our students with literacy support that targets their specific skill deficits. Our title one program is completing a diagnostic assessment with our benchmark assessment that will target specific skill deficits. Teachers and support staff are working in small groups and individually with students using research based intervention programs to increase the literacy skills in all of our students. 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.

Lawton Community Schools participates in both 105 and 105c School of Choice. Students in Van Buren County or districts in counties that border Van Buren County may apply to attend during announced school of choice windows. Lawton resident students in grades Kindergarten through five are placed in Lawton Elementary School unless they have an IEP indicating needs unable to

be served in our district. Those students are served by the Van Buren Intermediate School District. This is rare.

Lawton Community Schools is pursuing a District Improvement Plan through MICIP. Each building, including Lawton Elementary School is pursuing research based strategies to enhance literacy, wellness, and STEM skills.

Lawton Community Schools follows the Michigan Department of Education's Core Curricula including Common Core Mathematics and English Language Arts, Next Generation Science Standards, and Michigan Standards for Social Studies, Physical Education, Health, and the Arts. As part of our multi-tiered system of supports, we focus on essential standards chosen from this curricula. A copy of our current essential standards is available from your child's teacher.

Lawton Community Schools is also monitoring our Return to Learn Plan via use of standardized, research based assessments. The results of these assessments are regularly reported to the Board of Education.

Parent-teacher conferences are also an essential part of success for our learners. We have a system of communication in place that allows 100% of parents to engage in two-way communication throughout the term as well as to schedule a conference two to three times each year depending on student needs.

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,
Lawton Elementary School Principal