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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 2011-2012 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, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Chris Rice, Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.lawtoncs.org or you may review a copy from the superintendent's office.

For 2011-2012, Lawton Elementary School did make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and was named a Focus School because the school has a large student achievement gap between the top 30% of highest achieving students and the bottom 30% of lowest achieving students across the tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing; as appropriate for the school grade levels tested). We are actively working to address the school issues by refining our multi-tiered system of supports for student. Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Lawton Elementary School is a traditional elementary school serving students in full day program for grades kindergarten through five. Students who attend are primarily resident students of our district. Students may also attend through a release from their home district's superintendent or through the 105c School of Choice program. Childcare, Great Start Readiness Program, and a tuition preschool are all housed on the extended campus. Great Start Readiness accepts students to a partial day program through a criteria based application process. Childcare and preschool program information may be obtained from the proprietors of those private, tuition-based programs.

Lawton Elementary School recently completed a Quality Assurance Review with the Advanc-ed Michigan. As a member of that organization, we keep a continuous improvement plan on file with the state. Current goals include wellness, positive behavior support, reading, mathematics, and writing. A copy of the School Improvement plan may be obtained from the school principal.

Lawton Elementary School is currently undergoing a carefully planned transition from Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations to the Common Core State Standards. Your child's teacher can provide you with more information regarding their grade level program. Additionally, you may contact the district curriculum director, Tamara Webster, for more information.

Lawton Elementary School is proud to document nearly 100% parent contact rate for parent teacher conferences during the first and second trimester. Focused conferences are provided only to at risk students during the third trimester. Lawton Elementary School encourages constant contact between parents and teachers.

Lawton Elementary School has recently completed a cycle of improvement with the Michigan Building Level School improvement program. Through this we have been able to truly improve behavior and school climate and meet the reading needs of a diverse population. Lawton Community Schools has been recognized for its ability to meet the needs of all learners. We encourage parents to be part of the continuous improvement in every home, classroom, and school in this community.

Sincerely,

Chris Rice,
Elementary Principal