



# LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Wednesday, August 13, 2014

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 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 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.

Lawton Elementary School has *not* been identified as a focus or priority school this year.

Lawton Elementary School continues to close the achievement gap while providing necessary rigor and engagement for all students. This is accomplished through a series of consistent research-based interventions as well as the addition of extensions including a full menu of related arts classes.

Lawton Elementary School serves the students of Lawton Community Schools as well as surrounding schools and districts through the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice Program. Schools of Choice students are reviewed for acceptance, using transcripts and discipline history as well as student interviews, as appropriate.

In 2015, 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 Elementary School.

Lawton Community Schools and Lawton Elementary School are fully compliant with the state approved curriculum but also offer specialized programming and requirements to add rigor and boost achievement. More information about program materials or our curriculum can be obtained from Tamara Webster, Curriculum Director upon request.

The 2013-2014 MEAP tests showed Lawton Elementary School to continue to close their achievement gap. The scores are shown below on our full AER Report.

Lawton Elementary School continues to insist on 100% teacher-parent contact providing alternate contacts for any parent not in attendance for fall or winter conferences.

Student learning is our primary focus at Lawton Elementary School. Our highly qualified, dedicated, and caring teachers and staff are committed to providing engaging and rigorous educational opportunities for all of our students. We strive to maintain a safe welcoming environment where students' individual needs are met. Lawton Elementary teachers and I look forward to partnering with parents in the 2014-15 school year to ensure the best educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie K. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Stephanie K. Brown