



# 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 Middle 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 been identified as a focus school for the 2014-2015 school year.

Lawton Middle School has been pursuing an integrated approach to providing research-based interventions for learners in the bottom 30% while providing rigorous relevant curriculum for all. In the 2013-2014 Intensive interventions have been put in place for mathematics and behavior. We expect to see the same great gains from these interventions that we have seen in the area of reading. At the same time, we have doubled the number of students qualifying for advanced or accelerated coursework in mathematics.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Lawton Middle 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 2014-2015, 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 Middle School.

Lawton Community Schools and Lawton Middle 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.

Lawton Middle School strives to make one parent contact per teacher per year as an absolute minimum using tools including grade book parent viewers, logged telephone contacts, and email contacts. Parent teacher conferences are highly encouraged and attendance averages 34% for the year last year with three different conference periods in the school calendar.

Lawton Middle School is very proud of the qualities our small school brings to the community of Lawton. We believe that our rigorous educational program is centered on preparing our students to be college and career ready. Our "focus school" label will only drive our commitment to educational excellence and continuous educational improvement as we prepare our students to be leaders of future.

Sincerely,



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