



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 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 Principal David Williams 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.

Using the data from the Annual Education Report and Smarter Balance Tests there are some deficits in student learning due to the pandemic this past year. The school has combated this loss of learning in multiple ways. Our MTSS program is used to identify essential standards in our curriculum and make sure that students become proficient in each of these areas. We offer peer tutoring through our PRIDE Program every Monday and Tuesday during the school day. In addition, we have teacher led tutoring sessions every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school for one hour. We also have instituted a program in which our teachers work with a small group of tier 3 students on Thursdays and Fridays during the school day.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Lawton Middle School serves all resident students in grades six through eight as well as those students



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accepted in the 105 and 105c School of Choice program during School of Choice Windows. In rare cases, students are assigned to a regional special education center based on an individualized education program (IEP).

Lawton Middle School is committed to continuous improvement. As such, they are a positive behavior support school that focuses on the principles of Respect, Ownership, Attitude, and Responsibility. This MIBLSI initiative has been followed in the past two years with an MTSS process in cooperation with the Van Buren Intermediate School District's Instructional Services Department.

Lawton Middle School provides core instruction in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. As part of the MTSS process, an emphasis is placed on Essential Standards chosen from the Common Core State Standards, NGSS Science Standards, and Michigan Standards for Social Studies, Fine and Performing Arts, Health, and Physical Education. The curriculum is supplemented with rotation and elective courses including choir, band, technology, art, and health. Project Lead the Way's Gateway program is also implemented in all grades to support science standards as well as building integrated engineering skills.

Lawton Middle School strives to include parents/guardians as part of the educational process. One of the opportunities that parents have to communicate their ideas and concerns is through parent/teacher conferences. The 2020-21 school year has been more difficult for us to have true conferences with parents due to restrictions of Covid-19. Lawton Middle School has held virtual meetings with our parents. Lawton Middle School was able to meet with approximately 33% of all of our parents in each grade level through Google Meets during Parent Teacher Conferences. As changes continue throughout the year, we will continue to monitor and explore new ways to stay in communication with our parents.

Even though the Lawton Middle School has faced many challenges this past school year, the staff has met them with creativity and resilience. When the school is remote, teachers meet with our special education students in person weekly to ensure that they were staying on track. Teachers have used their core skills class to build connections and to curb learning loss. Our teachers have done an excellent job of consistently meeting with each other and communicating the needs of our students. We will continually reevaluate



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our methods and update strategies to incorporate best practices into our school culture. As the building administrator, I look forward to working with the staff to implement new strategies that will help our students.

Sincerely,

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