

Law Elementary School

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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter (2011-2012)

August 13, 2012

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 Law 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 John Wm. Covington, Ed.D., Chancellor, Michigan Education Achievement Authority (EAA) at (313) 456-3010 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the District's website <http://detroitk12.org/aer>. You may also view a printed copy in the main office of your child's school or in the Parent Resource Center located at the Detroit International Academy, Room 141, 9026 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

For 2011-2012, Law Elementary School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because:

We did not meet the 90% attendance rate goal.

- Attendance Rate for All Students 78.6%; Black 78.5%; Students with Disabilities 77.3% and Economically Disadvantaged 78.6%.

We are actively working to address our AYP issues. Our school will transition into the Education Achievement Authority (EAA), during the 2012-2013 school year. "The EAA of Michigan is a new statewide system of schools beginning in Detroit that will assume operation of the lowest five percent (5%) of the Persistently Lowest Achieving (PLA) schools as defined by the Michigan Department of Education in the state of Michigan over the next three years.

The Law Academy Turnaround Team agreed to follow the National Association of Elementary School Principals' "Standards for Leadership" model as a blueprint for changing school culture and leading learning. The 2011-2012 school year was modeled after the following three standards:

- 1) Demand content and instruction that ensures student achievement of agreed-upon academic standards.
- 2) Create a culture of continuous learning for adults tied to student learning and other school goals.
- 3) Use multiple sources of data as diagnostic tools to assess, identify and apply instructional improvement.

Parent Involvement

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parents played an integral role in assisting with their child's learning. 2. The parents were encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school. 3. The parents were full partners in their child's education and were | <p>included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The school carried out other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA. |
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We also asked that parents agree to the following stipulations throughout the school year to ensure high academic achievement for their children:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk to their child regularly about the value of education 2. Communicate with the school when they I have a concern 3. Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for studying 4. Make sure that their child attends school every day, on time, and with homework completed 5. Support the school's discipline code 6. Monitor their child's progress in school | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Make every effort to attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, Open House and Back-to-School Night 8. Ensure that their child gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition 9. Participate in shared decision making with school staff and other families for the benefit of students 10. Respect the school, staff, students, and families |
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Parents were also encouraged to use the DPS Resource Centers that offer innovative workshops and sessions that was practical and resulted in parent support to students at home.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

During the 2011-2012 school year, Detroit Public Schools implemented the “Open Enrollment Initiative.” This initiative allows students to elect to attend any Detroit Public School without being required to live within the boundary for that school. The “Open Enrollment Initiative” does not apply to the Examination High Schools, or Application Schools. Parents may enroll their child(ren) in the school of their interest as long as the school has not reached capacity for their particular grade. Enrollment preference is given to students who live within the boundary of a school. It should also be noted that transportation will not be provided for students who select a school outside of the boundary of their home school. “Open Enrollment Initiative” resources can be found on our web-site at:
http://detroitk12.org/resources/prospective_students/.

School Improvement Status

Year	School Improvement Status
2011-2012	No AYP ~ AYP Not Met
2010-2011	AYP Not Met ~ Corrective Action

Detroit Public Schools’ Core Curriculum:

Consistent with the Detroit Public Schools Academic Plan for 2012-2013, there are aggressive plans to accelerate the rate of student achievement and to ensure that students graduate with the academic and social skills necessary for success in college and the workplace.

Specific curriculum actions are based on the District’s five (5) pillars of student achievement:

- I. Talent management,
- II. High quality teaching and learning,
- III. Rigorous, transparent and continuous improvement cycle,
- IV. Customer service approach to community and each other, and
- V. A secure, inclusive and dynamic culture.



An Executive Summary of the 2012-2013 Academic Action Plan, is available online at http://detroitk12.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FINALAcademicPlanExecutive-Summary_2012.pdf.

Access to the Core Curriculum

The instructional strategies and grade level expectations are aligned to the State standards and the NAEP. This represents the core curriculum, which is supported by the texts, materials, computer software and other school level resources used daily in the classrooms. All of the professional development activities are aligned to the core curriculum.

The implementation is a process delineated in the District Plan. This plan serves as the framework for each school's academic achievement plan.

The frequent monitoring of the implementation of these plans are conducted by the school diagnostic visits, review of the benchmark assessments, use of the teacher evaluation tool and adherence to the pacing calendar.

The variances from the State plan can be found in the grade level expectations, which are also aligned to the higher standards of NAEP.

A Summer Parent University is offered with classes to increase parenting skills, early childhood literacy, adult literacy and GED. During the school year, the Regional Parent Resource Center is a vehicle for parents and other community members to participate in regular and on-going informational and participatory sessions focused on curriculum and instruction. Learning Village (an online instructional management system), Web updates and semi-annual progress reports are also a means to disseminate information to parents and community.

Detroit Public Schools Core Curriculum is currently under revision. Pacing Charts and Curriculum guides will be posted to the Division of Teaching and Learning under the Leadership page of our web-site in the near future.

Parent Engagement

- ❖ Use the technology portal for parents to view daily lessons and to communicate with teachers.
- ❖ Implement and follow through with the parent contracts.
- ❖ Use the Parent Resource Center to engage parents in innovative workshops and sessions that are practical and will result in parent support to students at home.



Student Achievement Results

Aggregate Student Achievement Results and Detroit Public Schools Quarterly Benchmark Assessment in Reading and Mathematics for Law Elementary School can be found on the Detroit Public Schools' web-page at the Research, Evaluation and Assessment site at <http://detroitk12.org/data/rea/>. The following reports are available:

- District Profile Report
- Combined School Profile Reports
- Individual School Profile Reports
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- Annual Education Report

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2011-2012	563	18.4%
2010-2011 (Corrected)	1441	46.2%

The Detroit Public Schools' Office of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability has developed a data collection system which has enabled the District to comply with the Annual Education Report criteria of identifying the number and percent of students represented by parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- 1.0 Data from the PTC Forms represent “parent interactions” with teachers, per school, per card-marking.
- 2.0 Parent Interaction Definition: During Parent-Teacher Conferences (and in some instances school open houses) Schools/Teachers are advised to have each parent participant provide a parent signature—a parent may not sign for a student if they did not talk about that student.
- 3.0 Several DPS schools had a very high percentage of reported parent interactions. This may be due to a number of reasons. In at



Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions) (Continued)

least seven (7) instances, the calculated percentages are in excess of 100%. In each instance, each of these seven (7) schools is an elementary school or a Foundation for Early Learners School with a large parent turnout at each of the required conferences. If during each conference, one (1) parent with two (2) students enrolled in the school visited three (3) teachers for each of their two (2) students, this would count as six (6) parent interactions, thus increasing the base number and resulting percentage.

We would like to wish our students, parents and community a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Ridgeway
Superintendent of Academics

