



## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2014-15 educational progress for the Lyons 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 Terry Baker, Principal, at 517-755-1480 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/MAqN44>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

The data in the AER indicates Lyons elementary School is facing challenges unique to the Lansing School District. These challenges to academic achievement include high rates of student mobility and attendance issues. The Lyon's School Improvement Plan focuses on increasing student achievement in all areas with a focus in math and reading. For example, Lyons has a full-time literacy teacher devoted to supporting low achieving students and a Highly Qualified instructional assistant in the area of math. In addition, teachers are involved in weekly professional development in math, literacy and student engagement. A Student Assistance Provider strives to effect change in students and families who show patterns of absenteeism.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students that attend Lyons Elementary School include students in our attendance area as designated by the Lansing School District. Families may also choose Lyons Elementary School as their child's home school by following the "Schools of Choice" process managed through The Lansing School District Pupil Accounting Office.
2. Lyons Elementary School continues to focus on four primary school improvement goals. These goals include increasing student proficiency in reading, writing, math and science. School improvement at Lyons is an ongoing and dynamic process involving staff development and teachers consistently using best practices in all subject areas. Lyons Elementary School is devoted to making significant progress in each of its goals.

3. Lyons Elementary School is a small neighborhood Preschool through grade 3 school located in south Lansing. We currently have 298 students of varying ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Lyons employs 14 classroom teachers, a full-time literacy teacher, a half-time resource room teacher, an instructional assistant and half-time student assistant provider. Lyons strives to develop and maintain strong parent and community partnerships.
4. A copy of the core curriculum, in addition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) can be accessed through the Lansing School District web page at <http://www.lansingschools.net/>, or Lyons Elementary School web page at <http://www.lansingschools.net/schools/early-learning/lyons-school/>. The core curriculum and content standards are implemented with fidelity by the teaching staff at Lyons Elementary School through the use of best practices for teaching and learning.
5. Lyons Elementary School administered the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) in grades K-3 over the past two years. 2004-2015 results or students meeting grade level benchmarks include Kindergarten at 77%, grade 1 at 78%, grade 2 at 64% and grade 3 at 77%. 2015-midyear of 2016 include Kindergarten at 88%, grade 1 at 52%, grade 2 at 63% and grade 3 at 58%.
6. Lyons Elementary School continues to strive for 100% parent participation at its fall and spring parent-teacher conferences. The 2015 fall parent-teacher conference rate was 283 parents or 95% and the 2016 spring conference attendance was 278 parents or 93%. The 2014 fall parent-teacher conference attendance was 293 or 94% and the 2015 spring conference attendance was 269 or 92%.

Lyons Elementary School will continue to strive for excellence in every facet of its educational program. Through the efforts of its teaching staff, parents and community members, Lyons will live out its mission of "Excellence for all Students".

Sincerely,  
Terry Baker  
Principal, Lyons Elementary School