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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 2012-2013 educational progress for the Marion Law Academy. 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 Mr. Ronnie Belle for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/eaa> and click on Annual Education Reports, or you may review a copy in our main office.

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 "Priority School."

Marion Law Academy has made gains in achievement over the past few years. The core content area where students demonstrate a need for improvement is in the area of mathematics. Staff members work diligently to provide supplemental programs including before and after school math tutoring. In addition, intervention teachers are assigned to provide targeted interventions to those students demonstrating the greatest need. Marion Law is committed to educational excellence so that the learning needs of every child are met.

State law requires that we also report additional information including:

1. All students meeting the eligibility requirements for kindergarten are able to enroll at Marion Law Academy. Staff members work collaboratively with all parents and guardians to provide a student centered learning model that will accelerate student achievement

2. Marion Law Academy annually submits a School Improvement Plan to the Michigan Department of Education. The School Improvement Plan provides specific goals, objectives, and activities designed to improve student achievement in the core academic areas. The goals are based on MEAP, Performance Series, and common assessment data.
3. There are no specialized programs at Marion Law Academy.
4. The core curriculum is aligned to the Michigan grade level content expectations. There are no variances from the State's curriculum model.
5. Students proficient in third grade MEAP reading for the 2012 – 2013 school year was 16.1%, the previous year was 22.2%. Student academic growth for the most recent school year on the MEAP was 9.7% compared to 4.6% for the previous year.
6. The number of parents attending conferences for the 2012 – 2013 school year was 210 and the percent was 35% as compared to the previous year's number 67 or 11%.

It is with great pride that Marion Law Academy serves the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. The Marion Law staff is committed to working collaboratively with parents / guardians, business, and community members to ensure that students receive the foundational skills necessary for success in high school and college. Please contact the main office by calling 313-866-3400 if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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