



Larsen Elementary School

"...spotting excellence in every student"

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Dear Parents,

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Larsen Elementary is a Title 1 school during the 2020-2021 school year, and as such, has a school wide Title 1 Plan that includes the following:

1. **Comprehensive Needs Assessment-** Larsen Elementary has developed and utilizes a comprehensive needs assessment for the entire student body. It is based on information about the performance of our students in relation to the state core content standards.
2. **Schoolwide Reform Strategies-** Larsen Elementary has developed SMART Goals to maximize student achievement by structuring curriculum, instruction, and assessment to meet these needs. SMART Goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-based. Larsen effectively uses time, money, resources, and personnel to aid in student achievement.
3. **Instruction by Highly Qualified Staff-** At Larsen Elementary all teachers have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and are certified to teach in their respective grades. Paraprofessionals also meet a rigorous standard. They must have either an Associates Degree, 48 hours of college, or complete a ParaPro Assessment to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics.
4. **Professional Development-** At Larsen, professional development and continuing education programs are offered throughout the year to help teachers, paraprofessionals, and administration work with at-risk, exceptional, and regular education students. Professional development opportunities include: endorsements, mentoring, in-service meetings, data dives, CMI trainings, phonics trainings, conferences, etc.
5. **Parental Involvement-** The staff at Larsen Elementary focuses on building relationships, having trust, and collaborating with staff and families. We communicate via phone calls, SEP Conferences, emails, notes, school newsletter, and our school website. Larsen encourages community involvement in things such as: Open House/Back to School Night, SEP Conferences, Leopard Pride Assemblies, newsletters, and PTA sponsored activities. Parents also have the opportunity to be a part of the School Community Council where they are actively involved in the education and planning for student improvement.
6. **Students who experience difficulty mastering academic achievement standards-** Larsen Elementary strives to provide effective and timely help for every student. The faculty, staff, and administration work together to strengthen student learning. Collaboration, TAT Meetings, Special Education, and several other measures are set in place to celebrate student success, identify any areas of need, and work together to implement an effective intervention.
7. **Coordination of Budgets (Federal, State, and Local Funds)-** Larsen Elementary makes every effort to coordinate all of the programs including federal, state, and local services to provide the students with maximum learning opportunities. Programs provided at Larsen include: Title One, Special Education, Language Services, ESL, etc.