

Attachment #3: History of Accountability and Assistance in the Lawrence Public Schools

Date	Event
1990	NEASC 3 year review of LHS; school receives “warning.”
1992	NEASC 5 year review of LHS; school designated on “probation.”
June 1996	Misuse of funds reported in Lawrence <i>Eagle Tribune</i> and <i>Boston Globe</i> .
Fall 1996	NEASC ten year review of LHS; accreditation denied.
April 1997	DOE conducts a Coordinated Program Review of Title I, Special Education Programs.
July 1997	State Auditor’s report on Lawrence School Department raises concerns.
Fall 1997	DOE Fact Finding Review identifies urgent key issues.
January 1998	Mayor Patricia Dowling inaugurated.
January 1998	Fact Finding Review released; calls for state intervention.
January 1998	First M.O.A. signed, establishing the Partnership between DOE and LSD.
Spring 1998	NESDEC conducts superintendent search; DOE participates by assigning a consultant to serve on the search committee.
Summer 1998	Mae Gaskins hired as superintendent.
1998-1999	DOE consultants and staff work with Lawrence High School, School Committee, and Central Office to develop and implement revised operating procedures.
March 2000	Superintendent Gaskins’ contract terminated.
Spring 2000	Dr. Eugene Thayer named interim superintendent.
March 2000	Arlington School declared underperforming.
Spring 2000	DOE consultant leads superintendent search.
Summer 2000	Commissioner appoints Partnership Team: Dow, George, Thayer and Foisy.
August 2000	Wilfredo Laboy hired as Superintendent.
Fall 2000	Executive coaching focus of Partnership activities with new superintendent.
Fall 2000	DOE conducts Fact Finding review of Arlington School.
November 2000	DOE conducts District Performance Evaluation.
Fall-Winter 2000	DOE monitoring and advising on District and school level improvement planning.
January 2001	New Mayor, Michael Sullivan, inaugurated.
2001-2002 SY	Success for All (reading/literacy program) adopted District-wide.
Summer/Fall 2001	Partnership facilitates LHS principal search with Superintendent Laboy.
Fall 2001	City implements new District School Committee election procedures.
September 2001	Mayor Patty Dowling resigns.
November 2001	Newly elected Mayor Michael Sullivan assumes role as Mayor and Chair of School Committee.
January 2002	Newly elected School Committee inaugurated (2 year terms until December, 2003)
Winter/Spring 2002	Partnership members conduct training sessions for School Committee.
Spring 2002	Partnership agreement extended for one year.

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2002-2003	Partnership focuses on leadership mentoring, School Committee training and budget process improvements.
Spring 2003	Partnership agreement extended until 2005
June-July 2003	RMC contracted to conduct Lawrence case study
March 2004	NEASC on-site visit for LHS accreditation review.
April 2004	EQA District Review
November 2004	EMAC votes to conduct a follow-up (Tier III) Review based on findings in April, 2004 EQA review
March 2005	EQA District Review
July, 2005	EQA places Lawrence on "Watch" status and provided a district monitor.
November 2007	EQA District Review
June 2008	ESE approves state-mandated District Plants School Intervention
June 2009	Review report published.
March 2010	Two Level 4 schools are identified in Lawrence: Arlington Elementary and South Lawrence East Middle
May 2011	ESE conducts a Level 4 District Review
June 2011	Commissioner places a Department representative on the Superintendent search committee.
September 2011	ESE secures a Plan Manager to support Lawrence in developing the Level 4 District Plan.
September 2011	Level 4 District Lawrence Review Report released.