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Dear Interested Reader:

Available for your inspection are two documents prepared by the Lower Merion School District (District) administration with the guidance of the Strategic Planning Committee.

The first is titled: Pennsylvania Department of Education: Academic Standards and Assessment Report. This is the primary document, known as the Strategic Plan, that school districts are required to prepare, present, and have approved by school boards as part of the strategic planning process required by state law.

While developing the Strategic Plan, districts are required to enter data into a state provided program that is useful in many ways, but at times difficult to read as there are limitations in how the information can be formatted and printed. For this reason, we have prepared an Executive Summary which provides a summary of the planning process and the pertinent information contained within the fuller document. The Executive Summary also provides detailed information regarding the Goals, Strategies, and Activities, which is what makes up the core of the Strategic Plan.

In addition to the Pennsylvania Department of Education: Academic Standards and Assessment Report and the Executive Summary, the District is also making available for review three other documents associated with strategic planning. These are the Teacher Induction Report, the Professional Education Report, and the Educational Technology Report.

These documents will be made available for public inspection through June 12, 2009.

Comments and questions can be sent to the attention of the Strategic Planning Committee by emailing: info@lmsd.org

Sincerely,

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