

# BROOME HIGH SCHOOL 2010-2011 SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN SUMMARY



## Principal's Message

This summary report was prepared by the School Improvement Council, faculty, students staff, administration of Broome High School. The report highlights the major accomplishments of 2009-2010 and the priorities for 2010-2011. Data to show the school's progress on the High School Assessment Program and End of Course Testing Program are included. Focus areas teacher leadership, student achievement, parent/community involvement, and character education. These accomplishments reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, volunteers and parents as

well as the strong support and involvement from the Cannons community. We will continue to focus on improving the educational experience for our students and build upon our past successes.

Our curriculum provides a diverse range of courses and extra-curricular programs which stimulate and enrich the intellectual growth and development of the 900 students enrolled at Broome; consequently, students enrolled at Broome High School have many opportunities to achieve academic success. Innovative programming is the hallmark of Broome High School, and we are extremely pleased to be one of five high schools in South Carolina to "Go Green" with the Green STEM initiative, a course which readies students for careers in alternative energy.

Broome High School has experienced a great amount of academic success during this past year. We were recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education for Closing the Achievement Gap with a Palmetto Gold Award which is given for increasing the academic success of historically under achieving students. The Broome High School Course Guide was honored by the South Carolina National School Public Relations Association (SCNSPRA) with a Reward of Excellence.

In April 2010, District Three proudly dedicated the District Three Community Auditorium which will serve as home for our award-winning fine arts programs. In 2009-2010, our fine arts program achieved great success. The Royal Regiment received numerous honors, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the South Carolina Upper State Marching Band Championships, 9<sup>th</sup> place finish in the South Carolina Marching Band State Championships, and received Wal-Mart grant.

Our choral program received a Superior Rating at the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Choral students also performed at the Disney Candlelight Processional in Orlando, Florida.

This past year proved to be another very successful year for the Centurion athletic program. Broome High School won region championships in Boy's Cross Country, Boy's Soccer, Boy's Track and Field, Girl's Track and Field, and Softball. Broome coaches who led our teams in Girl's Track, Softball, Girl's Basketball, Boy's Soccer, and Boy's Cross Country earned Region II AA Coach of the Year honors. In

the fall of 2009 the South Carolina High School League presented Broome the Region II AA Sportsmanship Award, a distinction of which we are especially proud. This award is based on criteria including conduct of coaches, players, and school personnel at home and away games, and overall experience of competing at the host school's facilities.

All of these accomplishments are made possible by the dedication and hard work of our faculty, administrators, coaches, and staff, along with the support of the District Three Community. We want to ensure that our students experience success in academics, athletics, the arts, and the workplace. At Broome High School, we expect excellence in every endeavor as we live out our motto: "Conquer and Prevail!"

Todd E. Hardy, Sr., Principal

#### 2009-10 Major Accomplishments

- One of five schools in South Carolina to offer the Project Green STEM.
- Received Palmetto Gold Award from the South Carolina Department of Education for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Received South Carolina High School League's Region II AA Sportsmanship Award.
- Won region championships in Boy's Cross Country, Boy's Soccer, Boy's Track & Field, Girl's Track & Field and Softball.
- Choral program received a Superior Rating at the Solo & Ensemble Festival.
- Royal Regiment placed third in the SC Upper State Marching competition and ninth place in the SC Marching Band State Championships.
- Graduation rate increased 10.3% from the prior year.
- Number of students earning a score of '3' or higher on AP exams increased by 12%.

#### **2010-11 Broome High School Priorities**

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Increase student accountability by developing a re-do/extra help policy that increases rigor and expectations for the quality of student work.
- Rewrite grading and assessment guidelines to increase student accountability.
- Improve the SAT/ACT preparation program to include consultation, online preparation, coursework, and daily class exercises.
- Increase the number of students graduating after four years of high school.
- Redevelop the Renaissance Program to reward good attendance, academics and behavior.
- Increase education and opportunities regarding health and wellness, safety at school and healthy decision-making.

### SCHOOL CLIMATE

- Implement an Adviser/Advisee program.
- Improve the accuracy and timeliness of school communication.
- Continue to develop collegial and collaborative relationships between students, faculty and other stakeholders.
- Provide training to staff to develop a customer-friendly atmosphere.
- Communicate positive news to parents.
- Increase the number of parent volunteers.

#### **TEACHER QUALITY**

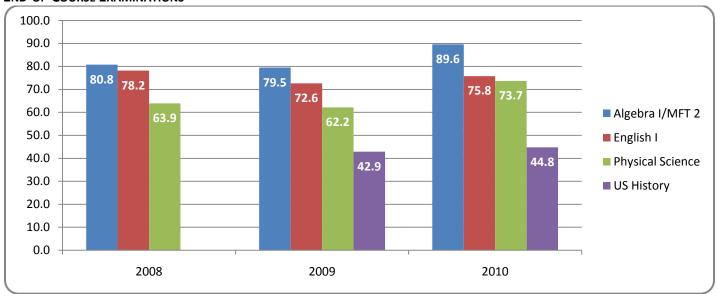
- Improve training for substitute teachers and provide guidelines to enhance instruction.
- Continue to research ways to incorporate literacy into the day to day schoolwide curriculum.
- Redevelop literacy components currently in place.
- Develop a comprehensive staff development program that contains goals and allows teachers to select topics relevant to their needs.



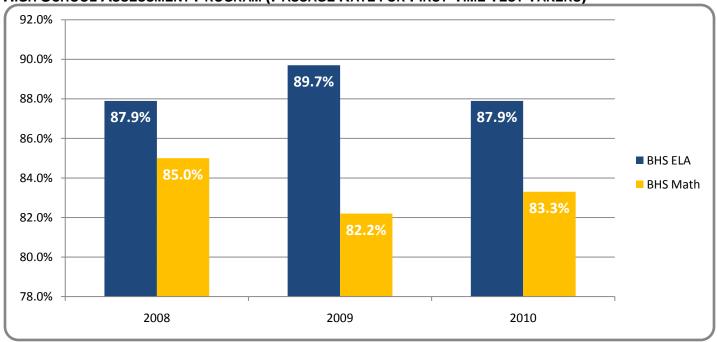


#### STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT DATA SUMMARY

#### **END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATIONS**



### HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PASSAGE RATE FOR FIRST-TIME TEST TAKERS)



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