

School Achievements

Jesse S. Bobo Elementary School is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) school as well as the Nation's First Lego Education Model School. As a proud Title I school we are *Building Knowledge That Lasts a Lifetime*.

- 2018-2019 Implementation of Continuous Improvement efforts
- 2018-2019 Average Rating on School Report Card
- 2015-2016 Palmetto Silver for Closing the Achievement Gap
- 2015-2016 Palmetto Gold for general achievement
- 2015-2016 Nation's First Lego Education Model School
- 2014-2015 Palmetto Silver for Closing the Achievement Gap
- 2014 – Out of 659 elementary schools in SC, JSBES was the 15th most improved.

Our School SIC Members

Chris Pelkey, Parent
Steve Collins, Parent
Ashley Walter, Teacher
Shayla Dawkins, Chair/Teacher
Paula Williams, Community Member
Ginger Hamwright, Community Member
Steven Mills, Assistant Principal
Catherine Pogue, Ex officio

**Thank you to all the parents who come to these important meetings!*

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by Jesse S. Bobo Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Jesse S. Bobo Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2018-2019



Mission: The mission of JSBES is to provide a positive/safe atmosphere, a challenging curriculum, and engaging learning for all students.

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SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Increase parental involvement and communication between parents and the school.

Several forms of communication are already in place for our parents. These include teacher newsletters each week, Friday Folders, teacher webpages, school webpage, PowerSchool, Class Dojo, phone calls, and emails. Catherine Pogue, Principal of JSBES, has also established communication through quarterly newsletters to parents, all call phone calls through PowerSchool, Facebook posts and Remind 101 to keep parents informed and up to date on events taking place at the school. As we continue to use all the forms of communication above, we also strive to increase parent involvement in our Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council.

Goal 2: Maintain a Healthy and Safe School

This year we have met this goal by receiving another District 6 Farm to School Grant to grow our garden at the school. Our next phase is to purchase outdoor seating for an outdoor learning environment for students and additional garden supplies and materials. Our garden produces fruits and vegetables for students to plant, water, grow and harvest. Students have completed taste tests. We continue to host breakfast for all students in the classroom as well as healthy lunch and dinner options. A healthy snack week is provided for students too through this grant. We believe in providing a safe and healthy environment so that our children can learn to their full potential. These programs will encourage our students to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Goal 3: Provide families with opportunities to engage within the school environment.

This year we have worked on this goal by providing families with numerous opportunities to learn and grow with their students within the school. JSBES has hosted two Family PTO Nights. One of these nights focused on literacy/art and the other focused on LEGO Education/literacy. Our families participated in Books and Breakfast, Junior League of Spartanburg Read and Dine sessions and lunch and learn sessions, based on

continuous improvement efforts and the transition to middle school. We are always willing to take suggestions and other ideas for ways to provide our families with opportunities to engage within the school environment.

Student Achievement

Percentage of Students Scoring "Met and Above" on SC PASS Testing				
Grade	Science		Social Studies	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
4 th	33.0%	18.6%	69.3%	NA
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For more information, you may view our School Report Card at www.ed.sc.gov.

Innovative Practices & Programs

- Lunch and Learn sessions for parents
- First Lego Robotics and Coding Lab in the District
- Title I School-Wide Program
- Universal Breakfast and Lunch Program
- Data focused (STAR, DRA, IRI, PALS, KRA, Fountas & Pinnell, Accelerated Reader, Matific, & Reflex Math)

- After-School Academic Enrichment and Childcare Program (with dinner) serving some 220 students daily with 350 students registered
- Literacy Coach
- 2.5 FTE Reading Interventionists serving 85 students in RtI with F&P LLI
- Continued Read to Succeed endorsement credit courses for all certified teachers
- ESOL program of 1 FTE Teacher using pull-out and push-in models
- PBIS School (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) since 2012
- Active PTO and SIC
- Top notch Art and Music programs
- 1:1 Student Technology
- Olweus Anti-Bullying Prevention Program
- Student Clubs (Girls on the Run, Pearls of Wisdom, and Jr. First Lego League)
- 0.5 FTE Continuous Improvement Coach
- Stronger focus on the fundamentals of reading included in the standards
- Extend using Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles of continuous improvement to other grade levels

Challenges

- Transience
- Increasing student achievement across all subject areas