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To: BEHS Students and Parents
From: Randall L. Maxwell, BEHS Principal

RE: 2013-2014 SIC Report to Parents
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Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School strives to prepare our students for the future. Our students deserve the best possible 21st Century education. Each day our faculty and staff have the responsibility and the challenge of presenting a quality education to all of our students.

BEHS has always had the reputation of having a quality teaching staff. Our teachers understand that everyone must continually strive to get better. We have the responsibility and a legal mandate to provide meaningful staff development for our staff in order to instruct at a high level and meet the needs of our very diverse community and student population. In training our teachers, we have continued to focus on the Common Core initiative even as there is a growing concern about this program in our state and elsewhere. We believe that teachers must constantly train and regularly work to not just keep up with changes but to forge ahead with new strategies and teaching skills. All teachers must receive five days of professional development each year and must keep their teaching credentials current at all times. Our staff has always gone exceedingly beyond the minimum requirements. I am very pleased to report that BEHS received an "All Clear" from the SDE Accreditation Department. This means that all staff are fully certified and qualified to teach in their assigned content area.

The use of technology has become a vital part in the delivery of instruction in all subject areas. Our school district has an excellent technology department that keeps our school current with the ever changing available programs and equipment. In the classroom, teachers use instructional technology such as LCD projectors and Smartboards along with computers to supplement normal face-to-face teaching. All new textbook adoptions have a technology component that includes the on-line textbook with activities and assignments involving technology. Also, our attendance and credit recovery programs are 100% online and we are currently upgrading from the Plato program to the Edgenuity program.

Our students continue to excel and be successful in the classroom and throughout the school activity and sports programs. Many seniors have earned the HOPE and LIFE scholarships and four of our seniors have qualified as Palmetto Fellows Scholars. Students in the FBLA have won awards at the district and state conventions. High-Schools-That-Work and the School-to-Work Program continue to provide students experiences outside the regular classroom. The athletic programs continue to be successful in all areas and we experienced a record number of football players accepting scholarships from various colleges and universities. Athletic participation is high and many of our students are multi-sport athletes.

Much of the success we enjoy at BEHS is due to the support we receive from our community and our parents. Along with this great support come high expectations. Even though we are a small rural community with much poverty and high unemployment we realize we must have rigor and a challenging curriculum. Our students must be prepared for the day when they leave this school and begin their chosen career path. We accept this responsibility.

Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School continues to strive for excellence in all areas. Your active support is critical to our success. Please continue to support BEHS as we go forward together.

Randall L. Maxwell
BEHS Principal

