



W. M. Anderson Primary School SIC Report to the Parents 2018-2019

W. M. Anderson Primary School is the Home of the Jaguar Cubs, *Where Little People Do Big Things Every Day!* At W. M. Anderson Primary School (WMA PS), we continue to follow our district's lead that *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!* WMA PS, a *Leader in Me* School, is the largest primary school in Williamsburg County with a student population of 423 students in child development through second grade. Of the 423 students, 92.9% are African-American, 3.1% Caucasian, and 4% other (which includes Asian, Hispanic, American Indian and two or more races). Students at WMA PS are provided a quality education in a safe learning environment where student leaders are nurtured and encouraged to always do their best. We embrace innovative approaches and next best practices as a means through which our students can become responsible adults who live and work productively in an ever-changing society. In order to accomplish our goals, we focus on instructional programs, teacher preparedness and strong home to school relations. Ultimately, we strive to culminate a positive school climate that promotes a culture of teaching and learning.

WMA PS is helping all students develop World Class Skills of the South Carolina Graduate by providing rigorous coursework across all content areas. Our staff make data-driven, informed decisions which better allows them to conceptualize on the diverse needs of each student and provide multi-tiered instructional support systems. During the 2018-2019 school year, our staff have participated in ongoing professional development in learning how to better provide multi-tiered instruction to begin closing the achievement gap. We realize that student achievement can only begin to show increase when students receive intensive instruction tailored to meet the needs of our diverse learners. The academic needs of our students is always at the forefront of every decision made by administration and the instructional leadership team. We address the needs of our students through utilizing classroom teachers, interventionists, computer-assisted instruction, leveled literacy approaches, multi-tiered instruction within the classroom and academic support services offered in our 21st Century and Title I Enrichment After School Programs.

The school climate is family-centered with the academic welfare of our students at the center of all activities. At WMA PS, we are a family who promotes parental, community and family involvement. We host Parenting Workshops and Curriculum Literacy Nights with various topics of interest for parents and other stakeholders. In our Parenting Center, parents/guardians are provided literature and other instructional resources to assist in helping their child achieve academic success. We are fortunate to have the support of local businesses and community stakeholders who share our vision of Developing Leaders, One Child at a Time.

The faculty and staff at WMA PS recognize the importance of building capacity and providing a system of support that will promote teacher effectiveness and will ultimately increase student achievement. At WMA PS, the success of each student and our school is paramount in all decision making processes that are outlined in our School Renewal Plan.

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