

## Athletics

- ❖ Football
- ❖ Baseball
- ❖ Tack
- ❖ Tennis
- ❖ Girls Volleyball
- ❖ Girls Softball  
2015-16 Region Champs
- ❖ Golf  
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- ❖ Junior Beta Club
- ❖ ProTeam
- ❖ After School Tutoring
- ❖ WEMS Mentoring Program
- ❖ Palmetto Silver Award
- ❖ SC Junior Scholars
- ❖ Student Body Government
- ❖ Grade Level Field Trips

### WILLISTON-ELKO MIDDLE SCHOOL SIC MEMBERS

Holly Hutto	Parent (Chair)
Johnathan Maxwell	Student
Talina Jones	Parent
Renee Tobin	Parent
Doug Vincent	Teacher
Tonja Rivers	Teacher
Ronnie Brown	Community Member
Martha Rivers	Community Member
Betsy Portune	TOY
Ann Widener	School Bookkeeper
Greg W. Sweet	Principal



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Congratulations to Williston-Elko Middle School and Williston School District 29 for accomplishing this

### Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by Williston-Elko Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

WILLISTON-ELKO MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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# WILLISTON-ELKO MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015-2016 Annual School Improvement Council

## *Report to the Parents*



The mission of Williston-Elko Middle School and Williston School District 29, with the support of our parents and community, is to develop respectful and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment.



## Home-School-Community Connections

- ParentPortal
- Edmodo
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Monthly Newsletter
- WEMS Weekly Alerts
- Back Pack Program
- Secret Santa
- Relay for Life
- Junior Beta Service Learning Projects

## Celebrations

- Nine Week Celebrations
- Junior Beta Induction Ceremony
- Black History Celebration Program
- Student of the Month
- Dances

## 2015 School Report Card Summary/ School Data

ACT Aspire was used for testing. The state will use SC Ready and SCPASS for the 2016 testing period.

Students: 203 Teachers: 20  
Absolute Rating: Average  
Growth Rating: Average

### ACT Aspire

65.5% Exceeding & Ready ELA  
32.6% Exceeding & Ready Reading  
31.5% Exceeding & Ready Math  
18.2% Exceeding & Ready Writing  
SCPASS  
58.1% Exemplary/Met Science  
70.6% Exemplary/Met Social Studies

## Special Programs

Making Middle Grades Work  
Career Shadowing  
Career Day  
College Visits  
WEMS Mentoring Program  
ProTeam



## Beliefs

- ❖ We believe that student learning is the primary focus of our school.
- ❖ We believe that all decisions must be based on what is in the best interest.
- ❖ We believe that the diversity of our student populations must be celebrated and reflected in programs and priorities.
- ❖ We believe in preparing students with skills and knowledge that provide opportunities to pursue careers.
- ❖ We believe that students learn best when they are actively engaged in learning.
- ❖ We believe that instruction should stimulate higher order, creative, and divergent thinking skills and help students apply learning beyond the classroom.
- ❖ We believe that instructional programs should foster a love of learning and challenge students to be lifelong learners.
- ❖ We believe that students should be equipped with the 21st Century skills necessary to be successful in our global society.
- ❖ We believe that assessments are valuable tools to monitor student progress and guide instruction.
- ❖ We believe in building a safe, nurturing, family-friendly, student-centered learning community.
- ❖ We believe that each student is valuable and it is our responsibility to untruly his or her individual physical, social, emotional, artistic, and intellectual needs.
- ❖ We believe it is our responsibility to set high expectations for behavior as well as learning to ensure students become productive citizens in our society.
- ❖ We believe we are partners with parents and the community and should work as a team to meet the needs of

## Teacher of the Year/WSD 29 District Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Betsy Portune Talented and Gifted Teacher, ProTeam, and Junior Beta

*As I reflect on this school year, the incredible experiences I've had, and the wonderful memories I've made, I'd like to say that it has been an honor to serve as Teacher of the Year for Williston-Elko Middle School. This role has given me the knowledge and confidence to not only grow as an educator, but also as a teacher leader. Over the last year, I've met phenomenal educators, had unforgettable experiences, and have built upon my passion for teaching that I've felt since the very beginning. Words fail to express the appreciation and gratitude I feel for being given this wonderful opportunity to serve as Williston-Elko Middle School's "Teacher of the Year, where excellence means success!"*

