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This annual report is a supplement to the School Report Card to provide you additional information about your school, its goals, successes, and challenges. Please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions, comments, ideas or questions. For additional information, visit us on the web at:

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School Wide Theme

Our school-wide theme this year has been “Connecting with Friends Near and Far.” The goal of our theme is to expand our students’ knowledge of the world beyond Lexington, South Carolina. For our “near” friends, the students have visited the 25 states east of the Mississippi River through virtual experiences on Husky TV daily. To connect with our “far” friends, we had a unique International Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We hosted teachers from 8 countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lebanon, India, Kenya, Morocco, Senegal, Philippines). It was a wonderful day of learning for both our visitors and our students.

Student Performance

This year, we were recognized by the S.C. Dept. of Education for our general performance on the PASS test and received a **Palmetto Gold Award**. Our absolute rating of **Excellent** also gave us reason to celebrate. We were also pleased with our students’ performance in Reading and Math as measured by the MAP testing program. Final MAP testing is underway for the 2012-2013 school year, but results from last year’s administration are listed below in terms of the percent of students who met their growth targets:

MAP 2011-2012 Percent Meeting Target

Grade Level	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Grade 2	65.4	67.7
Grade 3	70.1	56.9
Grade 4	65.5	67.4
Grade 5	60.9	72.3

*Report Card Ratings for School Year  
2011-2012*

*Absolute Rating: **Excellent***

*Growth Rating: **Average***

Accomplishments

**CSES Chorus selected for inclusion in the World’s Largest Concert DVD (fifth year in a row).**

**CSES received Palmetto Gold Award from the SC State Department of Education**

**CSES iPad Ensemble has had a number of public performances, including the AdvancED Fall Conference**

Progress on Goals for 2012-2013

- ❖ **Response to Intervention Program** was fully operational in meeting needs of our struggling learners in reading and in math. A large number of students have been served and progress is impressive. We feel this is one of the things that helped us to earn our Palmetto Gold Award.
- ❖ **“Situation Room”** model afforded us the opportunity to monitor student progress effectively and make instructional decisions to achieve higher levels of success for these students.
- ❖ Our **Parent Teacher Organization** had a successful year. Increased membership and two successful fundraisers have allowed the PTO to sponsor cultural field trips for every grade level, beautification days, family movie nights, a fall carnival, skate nights, as well as various other supports for our academic program.
- ❖ Our Learning Commons sponsored a **Summer Reading Program** and opened the school library to parents and students throughout the summer. They were also able to bring in Author Phil Bildner who spent a day working with our students on becoming better readers and writers.
- ❖ Our teachers spent the year learning about **Common Core State Standards** and our professional development focused on preparation for their implementation.
- ❖ A **Partnership** with Home Depot provided us with donated landscape materials as well as the human resources to enhance the front of our school and our outdoor classroom.
- ❖ **Developing World Leaders** program included student leadership opportunities (Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Husky TV Crew, School Store Workers, Tech Tools Team and regular Township Meetings.

*CSES School Improvement Council  
2012-2013  
Jonathan Hucks (Chair)  
Jennifer Borowiec, Parent  
Sharon Cloud, Parent  
Kayla Curry, Parent  
Misty Johnson, Teacher  
Joshua White, Teacher  
Andy Newell, PTO President  
Pastor David Moore, Community Member  
Cher Sheldon, Community Member  
Tammy Young, Community Member  
Administrators (ex officio members)*

*School Pledge/Mission  
I pledge  
To take pride in our school and to be **respectful** of  
each person who enters our doors;  
To unlock our minds and learn from our experiences  
every day, especially the ones that challenge us;  
To develop a character that will make our families  
proud and allow us to become **caring, responsible,**  
and **trustworthy** members of our home and school  
communities.*

- ❖ Students were recognized regularly for **character and good citizenship** through our school-wide clip system, our “blaze bucks” program, PAWS (“Pawsitively Awesome Well –behaved Students”) Café, and other recognition programs.

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