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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

For a second year, we have continued with the theme “Connecting with Friends Near and Far.” Our goal is to continue to expand our students’ knowledge of the world beyond Lexington, South Carolina. For our “near” friends, we learned about all of the states west of the Mississippi River through virtual experiences on Husky TV daily. To connect with our “far” friends, we were again privileged to be selected as a partner school for the International Leaders in Education program through Clemson University. We hosted teachers from 7 countries Malaysia, Bangladesh, Uganda, Brazil, Morocco, Philippines, and Senegal. 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 “Closing the Achievement Gap” on the PASS test and received a **Palmetto Silver Award**. We were excited to see that our focused work with small groups paid off. We were also pleased with our students’ performance in Reading and Math as measured by the MAP testing program. Our results for the 2013-2014 school year are listed below in terms of the percent of students who met their growth targets. Although the percentages are a little lower than previous years, we are pleased because this year’s MAP assessment were aligned with the Common Core State Standards and were much more rigorous than in previous years. Overall, we are very proud of the gains our students made this year.

*Report Card Ratings for School Year
2012-2013*

*Absolute Rating: **Good***

*Growth Rating: **Average***

MAP 2013-2014 Percent Meeting Target

Grade Level	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Grade 2	71.9	71.0
Grade 3	59.5	57.5
Grade 4	52.4	67.1
Grade 5	59.3	71.3

Accomplishments

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

CSES received Palmetto Silver Award from the SC State Department of Education

CSES iPad Ensemble has had a number of public performances, including a Univ. South Carolina basketball game

Selected as a model school from Clemson University Leaders in Education Program

Progress on Goals for 2013-2014

- ❖ **Technology Integration and Student Technology Competency** was a focus for our teachers this year. 95% of our second graders and 87% of our fifth graders scored at the proficient level on our district technology exam.
- ❖ **Response to Intervention Program** again met the needs of our struggling learners in reading and in math. Tremendous gains were seen in a majority of our Tier II and III students. We feel this is one of the key factors in our recognition for closing the achievement gap.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Our **Parent Teacher Organization** had a successful year. Two very successful fundraisers allowed for the PTO to purchase sunshades for each of our playgrounds, pay for the painting of our blacktop with a variety of recess activities, provide 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 also were awarded a “One School, One Book” grant that will provide every student in the school with their own personal copy of a book the students and faculty will read together.

*CSES School Improvement Council
2013-2014
Jonathan Hucks (Chair)
Jennifer Borowiec, Parent
Sharon Cloud, Parent
Clinton Tuggle, 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.*

- ❖ Our teachers were provided professional development on a variety of topics including data analysis, increasing rigor, classroom management, and implementing the Common Core.
- ❖ **Student Leadership** was a focus. Opportunities such as Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Husky TV Crew, School Store Workers, Tech Tools Team and regular Township Meetings put students in leadership positions.

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