## Home and School Connections

SIC - School Improvement Council serves as an advisory board to the principal and the school to improve instruction and facilities.

PTO - Parents support the school through volunteer opportunities and fundraisers and assist with school events and family-oriented activities that enhance learning.

Business Partners - Local businesses work with the school to provide incentives and resources for students and staff.

RTI/Enrichment—Students and staff engage in daily intervention and enrichment programs to support student development of academic and social skills.

Clubs-All students participate in a weekly club sponsored by staff which build connections and strong relationships.

LIMS Student Council - Student Leadership.

Junior Leadership – Provides learning opportunities in the community through partnerships with students.

Beaufort Youth Leadership – Multiple schools partner with Mayor Keyserling for youth issues and collaboration.

National Jr. Honor Society - Recognizing 7th and 8th grade students exhibiting leadership, scholarship and service.

Cougar Happenings - School Newsletter

Cougar Pride 1630 AM - The only radio station in Beaufort County Schools operated by students.

Cougar Track News-Student television program.

Social Media—The school uses Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to inform the community and build a strong network of support.

### **School Improvement Council**

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#### **Elected members:**

Robin Johnson (Parent) Mandy Michels (Chair) Eileen Bertagna (Co-Chair) Scott Shipsey (Teacher) Vicki Shockley(Teacher) Cori Talbert (Teacher)

#### **Appointed members:**

Linda Navorska (Community) Roberta Smalls (Community) Katherine Grant(Community)

#### **Ex-officio Members:**

Greg Hall (Administrator) Lori Davis (Administrator) Allyson Keown (Administrator)

Our SIC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M.



Lady's Island Middle School "Report to the Parents" 2019-20



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#### Expect The Best...Together We Succeed!





# Purpose of this Report

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South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's local School Improvement Councils (SICs) to publish and distribute a Report to the Parents by April 30th of each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This Report is unique to the school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

# School Goals for 2019-2020

- 1. Increase on SC READY test in Reading from 33.5% to 50% meets/exceeds expectations.
- 2. Increase on SC READY test in Mathematics from 32.7% to 50% meets/exceeds. expectations.
- 3. Reduce office managed incidents from 1,180 to less than 600.
- 4. Increase Teacher Effectiveness scoring by SC EVAAS from 44% to 89%.

## We believe...

- The educational needs of the students are our primary focus.
- An environment will be created for all students that will be conducive to learning the necessary skills to compete in life.
- The entire school community must have genuine concern and compassion for students.
- There must be mutual respect and cooperation among the school stakeholders.
- In providing a safe and orderly environment.

# Best Practices in Teaching and Learning

ABC Project - LIMS is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School.

AdvancED STEM Certified iReady - Differentiated learning in the classroom and at home via a virtual learning environment.

Technology Integration – Interactive technology and oneto-one devices in school and at home encourages engagement of students during the instructional process.

Response to Intervention (RtI) - School-wide daily academic support for students performing below grade level in Math and ELA.

Accelerated and Advanced Studies – Classes designed to challenge qualifying 6th—8th grade students to include Advanced Math, Accelerated.

Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, English I, Advanced English/Language Arts, Advanced Social Studies, Advanced Science and Earth Science. Classes are taught by certified Gifted and Talented teachers who work in interdisciplinary teams to improve student learning.

Writing Workshop - Framework of characteristics of good writing: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation.

Reading Workshop—Framework of characteristics of good reading: explicit teaching of reading strategies and skills followed by meaningful tasks.

Academic Arts Classes - Instruction in Art, Band, Chorus, Career and College Readiness, Physical

Education, Health, Gateway to Technology, Spanish, Dance.

Instructional Coaches - Onsite professional developers who teach educators how to use proven teaching methods in Literacy, Math, and Technology.

Differentiated Instruction - Instruction geared toward the academic ability level of students based on data from MAP and benchmark testing results.

2 Full-time School Counselors, a Media Specialist, and a part –time Speech/Language Pathologist and ESOL teacher.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) - Ongoing and weekly professional development for teachers to provide effective best practices for students.