

Dear Parents.

The School Improvement Council and the faculty and staff of Lyman Elementary School have prepared this Summary Report for you and the community members interested in our school. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student at Lyman Elementary School. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of our students. We appreciate your support and value your input. We encourage you to let us know of any questions or suggestions you may have concerning these activities.

This report provides you with important information related to this school year. It lists activities and programs that have been implemented and some "highlights" from our last year. We have also included additional information listing our school's programs and opportunities for students, which have been severely restricted this year due to the of the pandemic.

We believe in setting high expectations and are proud of our students and their accomplishments. Working together, we will strive to continue to provide even greater opportunities for our students in the future. Thank you for the valuable part you play in this educational success.

# 2020-2021 School Improvement Council Lyman Elementary School

#### <u>Elected - Parent Members</u>

Cadie Bodie
Courtney Burkett
Ashley Chasse
Ronda Snyder
Brittany Hand
Sharon Mellard
Juan Rosas

Elected - Teacher Members
Jo Kitchens (Chairman)
Lyndsey Elliott



#### Appointed Community Members

Lisa Shell Katina Degler Katlin Walsh Isela Vasquez

#### Ex-officio Members

Tim Henson, Principal

Amy Hayden, Assistant Principal

Gina Creel - Assistant Administrator

## Our "Pride" Continues to Show at Lyman

Lyman Elementary opened its doors to students on August 19, 2008. Since then our students, teachers, parents, and community have been working together to make Lyman the best school it can be for every child that enters our doors.

Each school year brings many challenges, but it also brings many rewards. This year of course has been extremely challenging due to everything associated with the Corona Virus Pandemic. Even in these difficult times, you will see through this report that we continue to accomplish much together here at Lyman. This report will allow you to read about how our pride continues to show.

We would like to report on our goals from this past year and what we will strive for in the future as we continue to "Show our Pride" in our school and with our school family.

The number one goal at Lyman Elementary will always be student achievement. This year we have continued implementing all components of the Read to Succeed Act passed by our State Legislative body. This law mandates a one and one half hour uninterrupted English Language Arts block, a thirty-minute writing block, and a minimum of thirty minutes of intervention per day. This law also mandates retention for students not reading on grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. In addition to the Read to Succeed implementation, we have continued with our English Language Arts curriculum in District Five. This curriculum along with our math curriculum will continue to be revised and updated over the summer and be ready for the next school year.

We continue to perform assessments on our students through the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark System, running records, math benchmark tests, and a computer program for reading and math called iReady. A state assessment was not administered to our students in the spring of

2020 due to the pandemic and school closure. These assessment measures allow us to get a picture of our student's progress and meet their individual needs. We have included data from our iReady assessment at the end of this narrative. The Lyman faculty and staff will continue to work hard every day to better serve your children in meeting their academic needs. Because of the hard work of our students and teachers, our school has been awarded Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Performance and for Closing the Achievement Gap. Also, Our school received an overall Excellent Rating on the South Carolina School Report Card for this year.

In a normal year, we provide many opportunities for student leadership and growth in areas other than academics. Some examples of student opportunities are: Pride Patrol, Flag Helpers, Chorus, Drum Ensemble, Student Council, Terrific Kids, and several Service Learning Projects. However, as you can imagine, these have been limited this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

We are blessed to have outstanding parental support which offers a number of opportunities for families and the school to collaborate. For example, "Spirit Nights" at different venues in our area, Walk to School Day, our Holiday Program, our annual Evening with the Arts, Deck the Halls with Santa Claus, Clay Café, and our wonderful in-school programs for all our students- just to name a few. These events have also been curtailed for this year due to the pandemic restrictions. However, we will continue to expand opportunities to involve an even greater number of parents and community members in the future when restrictions on gatherings are relaxed.

Our goal is to be the best possible school we can be. We would be remiss if we did not thank everyone who works so hard to make this success possible. Thanks so much for your support as we move to set our sights on the future of our school and school community.

Thank you for helping to make Lyman Elementary the best school for every child every day.

Lyman Elementary SIC Committee

### Test Data for the 2018-2019 School Year - SC Ready for $3^{rd}$ and $4^{th}$ grade and SC PASS Science for $4^{th}$ grade

### SC Ready by Grade Level

English Language Arts (ELA)

Grade	Number Tested	Does Not Meet Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Meets or Exceeds Expectations	Approaches Meets or Exceeds Expectations	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
3	119	13.40%	27.70%	33.60%	25.20%	58.80%	86.60%	469.20	96.40
4	155	18.70%	23.20%	29.70%	28.40%	58.10%	81.30%	522.90	110.50

#### Mathematics

Grade	Number Tested	Does Not Meet Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Meets or Exceeds Expectations	Approaches Meets or Exceeds Expectations	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
3	119	10.10%	14.30%	41.20%	34.50%	75.60%	89.90%	499.70	102.70
4	155	20.60%	25.80%	27.10%	26.50%	53.50%	79.40%	503.30	108.10

### SC Pass by Grade Level

#### Science

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4		155	21.3%	25.8%	33.5%	19.4%	52.9%	78.7%	1,451.4	22.4