



Mossy Oaks Elementary
 School Renewal Plan Update
 Report to Stakeholders
 May 2012

In the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The purpose of this report is to inform parents of the progress Mossy Oaks Elementary School is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the 5-year strategic plan. The MOES School Improvement Council has prepared this report to share with you the celebrations and challenges unique to Mossy Oaks Elementary.

Our Mission:

To promote academic growth and character development, the mission of Mossy Oaks Elementary School community is to provide a safe environment where every member is in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, preparing children for their unique roles in the world.

Student Enrollment

Pre-Kindergarten	24
Kindergarten	70
1 st Grade	77
2 nd Grade	74
3 rd Grade	66
4 th Grade	81
5 th Grade	78
Total	470

Staff

Classified	12
Certified	35
National Board	4
Administrators	2
Instructional Coaches	3

Report Card Highlights

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	Excellent
2009	Good	Excellent
2008	Good	Good
2007	Good	Good

School Improvement Council

Chairperson- Missy Buskirk
 Vice Chairperson – Norma Smalls
 Secretary – Nancy Altman
 Principal – Donald Gruel
 Assistant Principal – Deborah Moore
 Members – Walt Gnann, Carolyn Shelton, Dawn VanGundy, Andi Riley, Eddie Smith, Nichelle Tyson, Kristy Kelnhofer, Donilyn Mills, Paula Butner, Suzi Prekop, Shalena Harvin

2011 Satisfaction with School Environment

Survey Results	Teachers	Students	Parents
Learning	100%	89%	88%
Social and Physical	97%	95%	93%
School/Home Relations	100%	91%	86%

PTO Board

President – Jenny Angus
 Vice President – Sarah Petersen
 Treasury – Lacey Garza
 Secretary – Teri Horn

2012 Teacher of the Year - Amy Edwards
 2012 Support Staff Member of the Year - Gloria Jackson

School Recognition

Palmetto Silver Award
 USDA Healthier US School Silver Award

Mossy Oaks Elementary School Renewal Plan Goals and Progress

Goal #1: Increase student achievement within five years to exceed state and national levels.

- Met 17 of 19 AYP objectives on PASS 2011.
- Mossy Oaks Elementary School became a TAP school at the beginning of the 2011/2012 school year. TAP is The System for Teacher and Student Advancement. Through this effort we have developed a TAP leadership team composed of the Principal, Assistant Principal, TAP Master Teacher and 3 TAP Mentor Teachers.
- TAP cluster meetings implemented and provide opportunities for staff to grow professionally and become more effective teachers.
- Spring 2011 PASS Met or Exemplary

	Math	ELA	Science	SS
3 rd	73%	80%	52%	71%
4 th	80%	73%	69%	74%
5 th	80%	84%	68%	73%

Goal #2: Ensure that best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership are consistent and equitable across the school.

- All certified staff are “highly qualified” in the area that they teach.
- PBIS (positive behavior program) implemented during the 2010-2011 school year. PBIS rubric developed and displayed throughout the school.
- Vanderbilt Student volunteers

Goal #3: Actively engage community and stakeholders at Mossy Oaks Elementary School.

- Students are actively engaged in community service activities such as Encouragers Club, Pennies for Patients, Flag Team, Scouts, Jump Rope for Heart, etc.
- Many activities such as Literacy/Math Night, MCAS Starbase, Marine Corps Band performance, Cup Stacking, Spring Cookout, Family Movie Night, Guys Read, Anti-Littering Puppet Show, Read Across America, Relay for Life, Kids’ Hope mentors, MOES Field Day, etc., actively engage our community and stakeholders.
- All parents had the opportunity to serve on School Management Team and PTO Board.
- Good News calls made weekly

Goal #4: Provide resources for appropriate learning environments.

- School-based budget used to purchase materials to support the learning environment.

- School-based budget used to provide professional development opportunities for staff to support the learning environment.

Goal #5: Ensure and safe and healthy learning environment.

- School “Crisis Management Plan” revised and on file in the school office.
- Lobby Guard system in place for visitor check-in and monitoring.
- Emergency procedures reviewed with staff at the beginning of the school year.
- “Project Wisdom” and “Core Essentials” character education program used to support a healthy learning environment.
- MOES “Essential 55” continues to help build respectful students.

Goal #6: Develop practices, processes, and technologies for open, frequent, transparent and effective communication, both inside and outside the school.

- School Messenger (phone message system) used to keep parents and stakeholders informed through phone calls and emails.
- “Notes from the Principal” sent twice a month and are used to keep parents and stakeholders informed.
- School news submitted regularly to various media outlets for publication.
- Teachers all have school webpages.

Goal #7: Increase student achievement to exceed state and national levels, with specific emphasis on closing the student achievement gap in subgroups of African American Males, African American Females, and Free and Reduced Lunch Students by 2012.

- MAP and PASS data used to identify specific challenges of each subgroup.
- Literacy interventionists provide small group instruction for identified students in all subgroups.
- Gentlemen’s Club
- Current free and reduced lunch percentage has gone from 44% five years ago to 63% this year.
- Professional development opportunities have taken place to help identify and put in place effective practices for dealing with our African American students.