

# ***East Aiken School of the Arts***

## ***School Improvement Council Report to Parents***

### ***2011-12***

#### **School Improvement Council**

Parents, teachers, and community members serve on our School Improvement Council (SIC). The PTO officers, the Teacher of the Year, and the Staff Member of the Year make up part of our SIC each year. Anyone interested in serving on this council should contact the school principal, Mary Robinson, at 641-2450 or [mrobinson@aiken.k12.sc.us](mailto:mrobinson@aiken.k12.sc.us)

Each spring, we send out this report to inform parents and community members of the state of our school. Our Mission Statement guides us in all decisions involving the education of our students, and the SIC ensures that we are carrying out our mission in academics and in the arts.

***The mission of East Aiken School of the Arts is to accommodate differences, reveal a passion for learning, teach appreciation, and stimulate creativity.***

School Improvement Councils are required to meet eight times per year. Our SIC meets with the PTO Business Committee on the second Tuesday of each month, and we meet with the Title I Planning Committee in the fall and the spring. Collaboration among these groups keeps everyone "in the know" and prevents duplication of efforts. We welcome parents and community members as volunteers in our school. For more information, contact our guidance counselor, Meredith Cassels. Our students need all of us working together to monitor our goals and make sure we are always improving.

#### **School Renewal Plan**

Our School Renewal Plan (SRP) for 2009-2014 has three major goals:

1. Student achievement will increase each year as measured by MAP and PASS scores. We won a Palmetto Silver Award this year for our performance and growth on the 2011 report card!
2. Teacher/Leadership quality will maintain a highly qualified status through continuing education.
3. School/Home relations will improve each year as shown by the results of parent, student, and teacher surveys.

Parents may see the entire plan and annual updates at:

[http://acps.schoolfusion.us/](http://acps.schoolfusion.us/go to Schools, East Aiken, & SRP)  
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#### **School of the Arts**

Arts in Basic Curriculum means that core and arts teachers work together to plan lessons such as reader's theater, music in math, and visual arts in science. We believe students scores will go up faster because their classes are exciting and meaningful!

Does your child love to dance or want to learn to play the guitar or the violin? Is your child interested in singing with the chorus or the No Boundaries Boys' Choir? Children at East Aiken are enjoying these special activities this year, and we plan to have even more next year!