



## **LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **Report to the Parents 2012-2013 Progress of Lamar High School**

**April 2013**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**It is hard to believe that another school year is almost at an end, and it is time to update you on the progress and successes of our students and school.**

**The mission of Lamar High School is to prepare all students to become competent, responsible and productive individuals by providing challenging, educational, and extra-curricular opportunities in a positive, safe environment supported by the entire community. Lamar High School qualified again for Title 1 funding because approximately 86% of our students receive free or reduced lunch.**

**Lamar High School has had a very good year academically. On the 2012 State Report Card, Lamar High School received an Excellent Absolute Rating and an Excellent Improvement Rating. Lamar High School was awarded Palmetto Gold for decreasing the achievement gap between genders and races. Lamar High School was recognized by the Education Oversight Committee for being 5<sup>th</sup> in the state on African American achievement. Eighty-five percent of African American students at Lamar High School met the state academic standards. All other schools in the top three were magnet schools. Lamar High School is tied with two other schools for the highest graduation rate out of the 213 high schools in the state. These recognitions are a reflection of the hard work of our students and faculty.**

**Lamar High School students continue to score above the average, when compared to schools like ours across the state on HSAP. Our passing rate on the first attempt on HSAP was 83.1%. Our graduation rate is 100%. These rates indicate the amount of dedication and commitment that the Lamar High School faculty, staff, administration and community have for providing our students with a quality education. Lamar High School faculty, staff, and administration review current data and make plans to insure that the individual needs of our students are met each year.**

**Lamar High School has focused on the following goals:**

- **Increasing student performance on HSAP and EOCEP**
- **Increasing the graduation rate**
- **Improving communication with parents**

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- Integrating Common Core standards and technology to improve classroom performance
- Improving the special education resource students' performance on HSAP, EOCEP, and graduation rate

**Progress in these goals:**

- Offered double blocked year long courses in ELA and math for students identified through PASS scores as "Not Met" for EOCEP and HSAP
- Maintained small ELA class size through the employment of a Title 1 ELA teacher
- Provided after school tutorial to improve student achievement
- Participated in Common Core district professional development
- Purchased additional laptops for our mobile labs
- Improved parent communication through Open House, Parent Workshops, PTSA, Academic Awards Programs, Athletic Awards Programs, newsletters, and use of School Connects and Parent Portal
- Improved the HSAP and EOCEP scores and graduation rate of special education resource students by providing double block year long courses in ELA and math

We believe that the faculty, staff, and administration are extremely dedicated to meeting the needs of our students. We believe that through this dedication and staff development, Lamar High School will continue to make strides toward improving student achievement; insuring our students leave Lamar High School to become productive members of our society. We further believe that members of our community are proud of the successes that Lamar High School has achieved in recent years. We will continue to work in such a way that our faculty, staff, students, and community will be proud of Lamar High School.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

**Kathy B. Gainey**  
Principal  
Lamar High School

**School Improvement Council Members 2012-2013:**

Carlos Burgess, Assistant Principal, Ex-Officio  
Retha Cooper, Teacher  
Kathy Gainey, Principal, Ex-Officio  
Veronica Gainey, Parent  
Regina Goodman, Parent  
Michelle Grocne, Teacher  
Kierra Harris, Student  
Klamberly Hayes, Teacher  
Adonikam Hudson, Student  
Angela Hudson, Parent  
Clara Jackson, Parent  
Sonia Johnson, Parent  
Jennifer King, Teacher

Susan Lear, Title 1 Coordinator, Chairperson  
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