

## Report to the Parents

We are proud of Lamar High School. This year we have had many successes. Our "Report to the Parents" is presented to highlight some of the accomplishments, activities, and events of the past year. Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of our efforts to keep Lamar High School a vital part of the community.

Michelle R. Greene, SIC Chair



## Message from the Principal

We are very proud of the work our students are doing. We want our students to continue to improve, so that they can accomplish whatever goals they set for themselves.

Kathy B. Gainey, Principal



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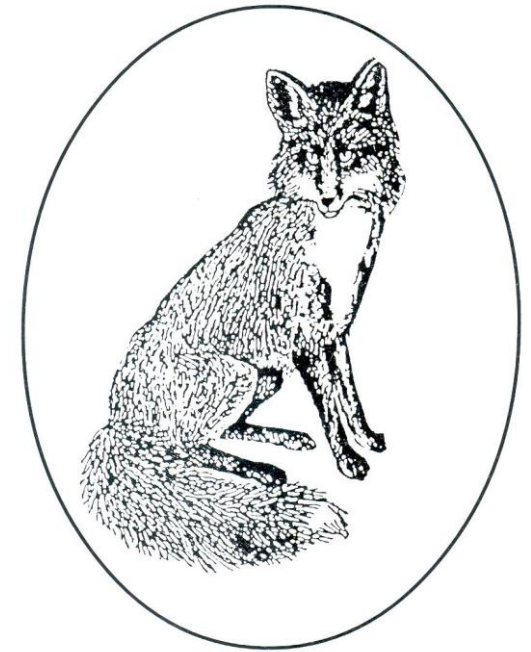
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## School Improvement Council Members 2013-2014

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## Lamar High School's Mission

The mission of Lamar High School is to prepare all students to become competent, responsible and productive individuals by providing challenging, educational, and extracurricular opportunities in a positive, safe environment supported by the community.

## Lamar High School's Beliefs

1. Parents are the first teachers; therefore, we must employ family and community resources to ensure student success.
2. An environment that emphasizes safety, mutual respect, and academic focus is necessary for learning.
3. Everyone has the capacity and the responsibility to learn more than they are presently learning and at a higher level.
4. Family, school, and community expectations affect learning and achievement.
5. Cultural sensitivity is essential to success and well being in our global society.
6. All faculty, staff, and community must be dedicated to the success of every student.
7. All stakeholders must be dedicated to preparing students to become productive members of society.



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

- Increasing student performance on HSAP and EOCEP
- Increasing the graduation rate
- Improving communication with parents
- Integrating technology to improve classroom performance
- Improving the special education resource students' performance on HSAP, EOCEP, and graduation rate

### How Lamar High School made progress in these goals:

- Offered double blocked year long courses in ELA and math for students identified through SCPASS scores as "Not Met" for EOCEP and HSAP
- Maintained small ELA class size through the employment of a Title I ELA teacher
- Provided after school tutorial to improve student achievement
- Participated in district staff development
- Purchased additional laptop for our mobile lab
- Improved parent communication through Open House, Parent Workshops, PTSA, Academic Awards Programs, Athletic Awards Programs, newsletters, and use of School Connects and Parent Portal
- Implemented district wide curriculum program designed to improve HSAP and EOCEP scores of special education resource students

## Lamar High School's Academic Recognitions

Lamar High School has had a very good year academically. On the 2013 State Report Card, Lamar High School received an **Excellent** Absolute Rating and a **Good** Growth Rating. Lamar High School was awarded **Palmetto Gold** for general performance. Lamar High School was awarded **Palmetto Gold** for decreasing the achievement gap between genders, races, and special groups. Lamar High School was recognized by the Education Oversight Committee for being 7<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. These recognitions are the reflection of the hard work of our students and faculty.

