

## School Renewal Plan Goals for 2013-2014

### Student Achievement

- The percentage of students scoring level 2B will increase to 85% or higher by 2014 as measured by the Dominie Reading Assessment.
  - Southside has implemented a Balanced Literacy Program as a district initiative.
  - Southside administers the Dominie Reading Assessment to all 5K students three times during the school year.
  - Southside has provided additional instruction for students who demonstrated an academic need in English/Language Arts.
- Our school will perform at a MEAN RIT score of 159 or higher on MAP Primary School Survey with Goals in Reading and Math.
  - Southside administers MAP Primary School Survey with Goals in reading and math three times during the school year.
  - Southside provides instructional best practice techniques in math instruction.

### School Climate

- Build working relationships between educators and parents/guardians to improve educational involvement by increasing contacts with parents by parent/teacher conferences, workshops, including IEP meetings to 86% by 2014.
  - Southside sent a welcome letter to all students at the beginning of the school year.
  - Southside provides quarterly workshops for parents focusing on student achievement.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Patricia Toney, Principal; Ex Officio Member  
Rachel Marino, Coordinating Teacher  
Joyce Wheeler, Administrative Assistant  
Anita Goodwin, Guidance Counselor  
Janie Thomas, Cafeteria Manager  
Miriam Norwood, 4K Teacher  
Joye Black, 5K Teacher  
Melissa McLain, 5K Teacher  
Nancy Williamson, 5K Teacher  
Stephanie Hall, 5K Special Needs Teacher  
Christal Taylor, 5K Paraprofessional  
Christine Fisher, Special Needs Paraprofessional  
Lindsay Hopkins, Parent  
Hattie Hughes, Community Member  
Talia Dukes, P.U.L.S.E Facilitator

Newsletter - "Paw Prints" (Published monthly)  
Mascot - Teddy Bear  
School Colors - Red & White

The Darlington County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in admission to treatment in its programs and activities.



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REPORT TO THE  
PARENTS



**SOUTHSIDE  
EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
CENTER**

Where Children  
Come First!

2013-2014

**To the SECC  
Community, Staff,  
Parents, and Students**

Southside Early Childhood Center is a part of the Darlington County School District and is located in a rural setting just outside the city limits of Hartsville, South Carolina. Southside opened its doors as an Early Childhood Center in August, 1995. With an enrollment of 381 students, SECC is in its sixteenth year as a center for three, four, and five year kindergarten age students. Southside is a School-wide Title I School and is a previous recipient of the South Carolina Reading First Grant. We were chosen as a Red Carpet School by the South Carolina Department of Education for our family-friendly environment in 2002-2003, and received the District's Five Star Customer Service Award in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Our school continues to be unique not only for Darlington County, but also for the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.



Kindergarten plays a unique role in a child's educational experience, serving as a transition from home or pre-school experiences to formal schooling. Southside Early Childhood Center provides the kindergarten experience that is critical in establishing positive feelings about coming to school; and the child's view of self as a capable learner. The environment at Southside Early Childhood Center supports children's natural disposition for learning. Our students are encouraged to dream, to imagine possibilities and to strive for excellence. The foundations for family learning and involvement in the child's education are supported and welcomed at our school.

Southside Early Childhood Center is a community where children learn and grow. It is a place "Where Children Come First."

**Mission of Southside Early Childhood Center**

The mission of Southside Early Childhood Center is to provide individually appropriate experiences that will challenge our children to become lifelong learners.



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS**

- Amy Thomas is our Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014.
- Southside is NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Accredited.
- The four elementary schools that our students feed into for first grade have received either a Palmetto Gold Award or Palmetto Silver Award.
- Southside is participating in the Comer School Development Program.
- Southside has received an Excellent absolute rating on the School Report Card for the last five years.



**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL REPORT CARD RESULTS**

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD		
Year	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Good



**SOUTHSIDE'S  
FACULTY AND STAFF**

**Teacher**

- Crystal Allen
- Joye Black
- Sheila Brodie
- Jewell Clark
- Jillian Burke
- Hillary Griggs
- Stephanie Hall
- Kelley Hardwick
- Joy Jones
- Nakeisha Lacy
- Melissa McLain
- Miriam Norwood
- Karen Simmons
- Harriet Tiller
- Rondelle Wheeler
- Nancy Williamson
- Lori Yarborough

**Assistant(s)**

- Easter Arthur
- Cynthia Hickman
- Beth Byrd
- Elaine Sims
- JoAnn Davis
- Tameka Ham
- Mary Green, Ernestine Benjamin
- Cynthia Keith, Christine Fisher
- Leisa McDougal
- Sylvia Ghoens
- Eddie Mae Reynolds
- Jazmyne Byrd
- Debbie Dutton
- Tammy McMillan
- Christal Taylor
- Lana Faile
- Jason Harris

**Principal - Patricia Toney**

Coordinating Teacher - Rachel Marino  
Administrative Assistants - Joyce Wheeler & Nancy Blackwell

- Media Specialist - Sarah Sparkman
- Speech - Beverly Cannarella, Elizabeth Quinn, Amy Thomas
- Guidance - Anita Goodwin
- Custodian Staff - Kenny Bruce, Beverly Robinson, Barbara Wilson
- Cafeteria Staff - Janie Thomas, Manager  
Patricia Freeman, Bookkeeper  
Jackie Amerson  
Patricia Gilbert  
Patsy Grantham  
Gedell Robinson
- Occupational Therapist - Priscilla Myers
- Physical Therapist - Gretchen McCathern
- Music Teacher - Marlin Ketter & Ameesha Johnson
- School Psychologist - Vickie Miller



