Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2022-2023



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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on Gregg Middle School's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the School Improvement Council, and other accomplishments during the school year. GMS has a continued commitment to ensuring every student, we serve, will learn in a safe, structured learning environment that promotes student growth, achievement, and character development. We know healthy relationship building is the foundation for a safe and successful learning environment. That is why we are constantly working to strengthen partnerships with our parents, business partners, and community members.

School Improvement Council Members

Elected Members: Tanya Roland (Chair), Lisa Fields (Parent), Maleaka Grant (Parent), Hanley Lewis (Teacher), Mindy McGonagle (Teacher), Appointed Members: Lexie Centers (Community), Kevin Kelley (Community) Ex-officio Members: Will Wilson (Principal), Alice Kelley (Assistant Principal), Beth Stillinger (Assistant Principal), Ophelia Gillens (Guidance), Tabitha Hattabaugh (Media Specialist), Darci Terhaar (Teacher)

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MISSION STATEMENT

Gregg Middle School exists to provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Together, every day and in every way, we help all students reach their potential in all aspects of learning.

VISION STATEMENT

The Gregg Middle School community will provide a safe, structured learning environment to promote high expectations for student achievement and character development to encourage success.

SCHOOL HISTORY

Gregg was originally built in 1974 to serve as the ninth and tenth grade campus of Summerville High School in Summerville, South Carolina. The school was named after Mr. John W. Gregg. Mr. Gregg dedicated his life to public education after graduating from Claflin College where he received his Bachelors of Science and South Carolina State University where he received his Masters of Science. He was a teacher and principal at Alston Middle School from 1970 to 1974. He later served on the administration team and as an assistant principal at Summerville High School. Unfortunately, injuries he sustained in an auto accident forced him into early retirement. In his honor, this school was dedicated to him on September 25, 1988, almost one year after he passed away.

In 1997, after additions were completed at Summerville High School which would allow for 9th through 12th graders to be on the same campus, Gregg was renovated and officially became Gregg Middle School, home of the Mustangs. In the summer of 2014, more renovations were completed on the Gregg Middle School Campus, including a state-of-the-art Front Entrance and Welcome Center, new roofing, and air conditioning in the Gymnasium. As the largest middle school in Dorchester School District Two, we currently serve approximately 1,200 6th through 8th graders, while maintaining a student-centered learning environment that supports individual student needs and promotes a family atmosphere.

In March of 2015, after intense competition among the 256 middle schools across the state, Gregg Middle School was named Palmetto's Finest Middle School.



Matt Filorimo (Star Performer), Tonya Wilson (Counselor of the Year), Brenna Bourgeois (Rookie Teacher of the Year), Sarah Bleshenski (Teacher of the Year)

School Improvement Council Goals/Strategies

Continue to improve school culture and climate among teachers, students, and parents to promote collaborative relationships.

- Plan and provide opportunities for all members of our school community to participate in school events (i.e. Parent Events, Veterans' Day Ceremony, Arts Performances, etc.)
- Conduct PTSA/SIC board meetings for discussion, input, and feedback for improvement.

- Implement school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program (PBIS) Mustang STRONG to better serve each student on their grade level.
- Implement school-wide Capturing Kid's Hearts (CKH) to engage and nurture both students and their communities. Initiation of the Amazon Wish List initiative.
- Provide opportunities for extra-curricular activities including athletics program, Beta Club, Robotics, Math Counts, Quest team, etc.
- Set academic goals and teach character education during our Mustang Strong program for all students while exposing all students to career and college readiness opportunities with an assigned mentor Mustang Strong.

Increase performance rates and growth of all students on state and local assessments to promote on-time graduation.

- Develop student placement plan (ILT/SLT) that is flexible based on assessment data (MI/RI, MAP, SC Ready, SCPASS, grades) and social/emotional needs.
- Support teachers, students, staff, and parents on the transition from MI/RI to MAP data collection measures.
- Provide for use of technology during interactive lessons to increase student engagement. Devices include student laptops, graphing calculators, digital microscopes, iPods, Interactive Flat Panels, Edmentum, document cameras, Schoology, etc...
- Increase student opportunities for enrichment in reading and math (Read 180, Math 180, Dimension U, Compass, Gizmos and GEAR UP Program)

To provide the students at Gregg Middle School with the highest quality education possible

Recruit, hire and retain diverse teachers that are middle-level certified, and GATE endorsed.







School Achievement

Fine Arts Accomplishments

- All programs held public performances to showcase accomplishments.
- Performed at the Summerville Third Thursday DREAMfest
- SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment

Health and Wellness Committee Accomplishments

- Created an employee wellness room helps our GMS staff have a safe space to promote their own health and wellness.
- Utilized school-wide data to support the need of a Health Room Assistant to best serve our students each day

School-Wide Accomplishments and Engagements

- Veterans Day Program produced by guidance and the fine and performing arts teams, highlighting our local community Veterans.
- MAP Incentive Parties to celebrate academic growth of our students.
- Capturing Kids Hearts events hosted throughout the year to celebrate our students and their accomplishments
- Implementation of SAFE mentoring group.
- Implementation of Mustang Strong Wednesdays
- Other Student Achievement and Award Celebrations
- Gear Up Tutoring Program
- Lego Robotics Mechanical Mustangs
- Sunshine Committee Program to support faculty and staff schoolwide

Media Center

- Hosted two Scholastic Book Fairs to raise funds to add to our library collections.
- Hosted two parent events to include Pastries with Parents and CKH Parent Night.
- Expanded the the ability for students to have library access during all lunch and courtyard times.
- Added books to the library collection to meet the state's book-per-student requirement
- Collaborated with teachers in every grade to develop informational literacy skills and support the curriculum.
- Spearheaded all district technology programming to ensure students have consistent and continued access.

