

# Vision Statement

Theodore Lester Elementary School will, in partnership with the community, inspire in all of its students, the desire to learn and succeed. Our school will be a safe learning community that celebrates student achievements and encourages active partnerships with families and the entire community. We will empower students to celebrate and learn from our differences while embracing the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Our students will grow into citizens that are ethical in their dealings with others, effective communicators and problem solvers, capable of examining all sides of an issue to reach a resolution that benefits the community at large.



## SIC Members

### Officers

Chair: Chandra Smith  
Vice Chair: Kireem Liles  
Secretary: Margaret Gilder

### Community Members

Kinda McInnis  
Mary Ward

### Parent Members

Melia Evans  
Chandra Smith  
Jessica Morrison  
Jennifer Taylor

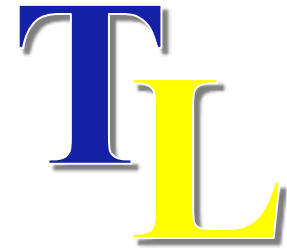
### Teacher Members

Pauline Dixon  
Margaret Gilder  
Vanessa Harkless  
Kireem Liles  
Pamela Smith

### Ex-Officio Members

Janette Williams, Principal  
Melanie Garand, Assistant Principal

This report is issued by the Lester Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



## Theodore Lester Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2019-2020

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The mission of Theodore Lester Elementary School, in partnership with the community, is to nurture a culture in which students develop a passion for learning, thrive academically, make safe choices, and grow into positive contributors to their community.

## Goals for Year 2019-2020

**Goal #1:** By 2023-24, the percentage of parents satisfied with school-home relations will increase from 60.8% to 75% as measured by the Parent Opinion Survey on SC School Report Card.

**Goal #2:** By 2023-24, the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" on the SC Ready ELA and Math assessments will increase from 27.3% and 25.5% respectively to 40% each as measured by STAR reading and math scores and SC Report Card scores.

**Goal 3:** By 2023-24, the percentage of teachers on continuing contract will increase from 62.2% to 87% as measured by the South Carolina School Report Card.

### Student Achievement

#### SC Ready/SC PASS by Grade Level

##### SPRING 2019

GRADE	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
3	33.30%	45.10%		
4	44.30%	14.80%	36.1	N/A
5	20.70%	10.30%	N/A	48.3
6	26.20%	19.00%	26.2	N/A

##### SPRING 2018

Grade	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
3	47.40%	43.90%		
4	20.00%	12.70%	20.0	N/A
5	12.20%	10.20%	N/A	27.1
6	27.80%	33.30%	45.3	N/A

## Computer-based Programs to Individualize Student Learning

Theodore Lester Elementary students have school and at-home access to the below computer programs designed to individualize instruction and increase student learning:

Math Minion  
Moby Max  
Front Row  
Mastery Connect  
Cool Math  
Khan Academy  
Readworks.org  
Scholastic Math  
Mastery Connect  
ABCYa.com  
Accelerated Reader  
Pebble Go  
Prodegy  
Discovery Education  
Studies Weekly Online  
MobyMax  
Starfall  
Zearn  
Brainpop Jr.  
Reading Renaissance  
Brainpop  
Lexia  
Dreambox  
News ELA



## Student Demographics

Total Students	357 Students
Resource Students	40 of 357
Self-Contained	94 of 357
Orthopedic Self-Contained	3 of 357
Other Disabilities	1 of 357

## Student Clubs & Activities

Jr. Beta Club	Student Council
Track & Field	Dance Team
Chorus	Drama Club
	Basketball

## Community Collaboration

- King's Academy
- Florence Kiwanis Club
- Florence Rotary Club
- Good News Club
- Florence County Library
- Courtney McGinnis Community Shelter
- Southland Healthcare

## Unique Challenges

- Children of poverty
- Major Highway Location vs. Community School
- Teacher recruitment
- Student Attitudes and Behaviors
- Parent Involvement
- 86% Free and Reduced Lunch
- Disabled Population: 37% of Total Population

## Parent Workshops

Lester's PTA and SIC/Title I committee collaborated to sponsor parent workshops based upon suggestions from parent survey results. Workshops included Family Technology Night, Family Math Day, and Family Literacy Day.