

## Points of Panther Pride

### ✓ Community Collaboration

- Kings Academy Student Volunteers
- Grandparents' Day
- Career Day
- Rotarian's Club
- Kiwanis Club, STAR Student Program
- Rotarians
- South Florence High School
- West Florence High School
- Wilson High School
- District Office Staff
- Student Council Book Drive

✓ **Lester Student Council Community Outreach:** McLeod Hospital and area nursing home

✓ **Parent Workshops:** Lester's PTA and SIC Committee Collaborated to sponsor parent workshops based upon parent surveys. Workshops included Literacy Night, Math/Technology Night, and Make-and-Take Autism workshops.

✓ **After School Tutoring:** 3rd through 6th grade students afternoon ELA and Math tutorial program designed to increase students' academic performance.

## 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	Achieve 3000
Study Island	Front Row
Cool Math	Moby Max
Khan Academy	Readworks.org
Scholastic Math	Mastery Connect
Mastery Connect	ABCYa.com
Accelerated Reader	Prodigy Math
IXL Math	ABCYa.com
Prodegy	Discovery Education
Studies Weekly Online	Starfall
Smarty Ants	MobyMax
Starfall	Zearn
Brainpop Jr.	STAR Reading
Brainpop	STAR Math

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.pebblego.com](http://www.pebblego.com)

[www.florencelibrary.org](http://www.florencelibrary.org) (tumblebooks)

## School Improvement Council Members

Suereese Anderson, Chairperson  
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 Melissa Fulmer, Teacher  
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## Florence School District One Theodore Lester Elementary School 2018-2019 School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents



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### Our Vision

The vision of Theodore Lester Elementary School is to inspire in all, the desire to learn and succeed. Our school will be a safe learning community that celebrates our achievements and encourages active partnerships with families and the entire community. We will empower students to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.

## Purpose of the Report

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.

### School Mission P.A.W.S

Lester Elementary School strives to nurture and grow students into **positive** achievers who make **wise** contributions and **safe** choices as they participate within their community.

### Our Beliefs

#### We believe...

- The community and school should work together collaboratively to educate all students so they be successful.
- Educational excellence is best achieved through everyone's high expectations and high teaching of standards.
- All individuals can learn and experience success.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All individuals have worth and deserve recognition and support
- Have the right to learn in a safe, inviting environment
- All individuals have the responsibility to be good citizens and positive contributors to society by demonstrating character attributes.
- Our school values and accepts cultural diversity.

## SC Ready & PASS Assessment Comparisons 2017/2018 and 2018-2019 Percent Met or Exceeding

SPRING 2018				
Grade	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOC. STU.
3th	47.4	43.9		
4th	20.0	12.7	20.0	N/A
5th	12.2	10.2	N/A	27.1
6th	27.8	33.3	45.3	N/A
SPRING 2017				
Grade	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOC. STU.
3th	42.5	39.6		
4th	15.6	15.5	22.2	75.6
5th	23.2	10.7	17.9	50.0
6th	34.3	33.4	31.4	69.7

### Unique Challenges

- Children of poverty
- Highway 76 location vs. community school
- School with ESP, Extra Special People
- Teacher recruitment
- Technology
- Bullying
- Student Attitudes and Behaviors
- No Child Left Behind
- Parent Involvement & Support
- 86% Free and Reduced Lunch
- Disabled Population: 23% of Total Population

### Student Demographics

General Education	344 Students
Resource Students	50 of 344 Students
Autism Self-Contained	95 Students
Orthopedic Self-Contained	5 Students
Other Disabilities	1 Student
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>445 Students</b>

### Goals for the Year

**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, percentage of teachers on continuing contract will increase from 62.2% to 87% as measured by the South Carolina School Report Card.