

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

2016 - 2017



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Florence County School District 4

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On the Journey to Excellence



We continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued excellence in education.

Interim Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to invite you to review the Florence County School District Four 2016 - 2017 Annual Report. Like every other enterprise, great school years happen when it all comes together—energy, strategic planning, adequate resources, hard work.

This has been a great school year, and the state of Florence County School District Four is good. On the “Journey to Excellence”, there are several changes in progress that assist our students in their positive educational growth. From that list, one is able to capture the myriad of opportunities for students. It continues to be important that we develop students through strong academic programs, solid leadership opportunities and effective community service projects.

Please take time to look over the Points of Pride, our phenomenal partnerships and schools’ goals and objectives. Although not captured in this print, we are especially proud of the increase in parental involvement. The year began with an overflowing crowd of parents who were just as nervous about the new school year as the students. The year continued with an increase in parent participation at special events such as Family and Community Engagement Day.

There is always the challenge of ensuring a safe environment that is conducive to student learning. The 2016-17 school year capital improvement projects below are in various stages of completion:

- ⇒ Upgraded the alarm system - TEC and Adult Education
- ⇒ Adding security entrance doors
- ⇒ Completed extensive exterior door repair
- ⇒ Installed energy efficient air conditioning units in the gymnasium
- ⇒ Installed energy efficient air conditioning units in the New Century Café
- ⇒ Purchased new activity bus
- ⇒ Demolition of former Timmonsville High School
- ⇒ Replacing carpet with tile flooring

Florence County School District Four is grateful for the continuing trust, and hope you will again help ensure that great things happen this year and in years to come.

With warm regards,

Gona W. Jefferson, Ph.D.

Interim Superintendent

Points of Pride



Superintendent Circle –Blue Blazers

AdvancED Accreditation

System –Wide

State Accreditation - All Clear

Board of Trustees

Brockington Elementary School

Johnson Middle School

Timmonsville High School

District Teacher of the Year

Mary Hall-Kellar

School Teachers of the Year

Vivian Mabry - Timmonsville High School

Pansy Ezekiel -Johnson Middle School

Distributive Education Clubs of America - National Participants

Samantha Phillips—State Winner—First Place—Financial Literacy

Frostina Pearson—State Winner—Third Place—Financial Literacy

Junior Leadership Florence County Graduates

Bryan McFadden

De'Andre McFadden

Boys State Attendees

Christopher Taylor

De'Andre McFadden

First State-Wide Teacher Cadet Honor Society

Grace Kelly Thomas

Student Leadership Opportunities

- Student Council
- Safety Patrol
- Girl Scouts
- Gospel Chorus
- Athletic Teams
- Spelling Bee Competition
- Superintendent's Circle - Blue Blazers
- Beta Club
- Junior Beta Club
- Art Clubs
- TEC News Crew



Seniors 2017

98% of Seniors accepted to a two or four year college

Two students enlisted in military service

Clemson Scholar

Grace Kelly Thomas

Francis Marion Scholar

Jaleea Smith

Columbia College Athletic Scholarship

Selena Legette - Track

Grants

\$2 Million Brockington Elementary (Five Years)

\$1.5 Million Johnson Middle (Five Years)

Arts Grant

Partnerships

Francis Marion University

Teacher Cadet

Florence Darlington TEC

Dual Enrollment

Skool Aid

College of Charleston

Professional Development

Florence School District One – Career Center

Batelle for Kids



Technology

One to One Initiative 3-8 grades

Community Service Opportunities

American Heart Association

BES students participated in the month of March "Hoops for Hearts"

Teacher Cadet

students collected coloring books, crayons, and pencils for the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Jobs for America

Washington DC and White House Tour

Employment as poll workers for the presidential election

Coat drive, canned food drive, voters' registration drive, toy drive, Pennies for Patients and crayons for patients.



Brockington Elementary School

“Soaring to Success”

Objectives:

- Increase ELA and mathematics achievement on the SC Ready in grade 3-5 by 10%
- Increase science and social studies achievement on the PASS in grades 3-5 by 10%
- To decrease discipline referrals in grades K-5 by 30%
- Increase parent involvement by 20%
- Increase student and teacher attendance to 96%

Initiatives:

- Implementation of MAP testing
- Establishment of Intervention Groups
- Reading and Writing Workshop Model
- Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System
- Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Level Intervention Kit
- Compass Learning
- Lucy Calkins Reading Units of Study
- Received a 2 million dollar school improvement grant.



Johnson Middle School

“Empowering Students for the Future”



Objectives:

- Increase ELA and mathematics achievement on the SC Ready in grades 6-8 by 10%
- Increase science and social studies achievement on the PASS in grades 6-8 by 10%
- Reduce the retention rate by 5%
- Increase students' reading and mathematics proficiency levels as measured by STAR reading and STAR mathematics by two grade levels.
- Improve parent involvement by 20%
- Increase student and teacher attendance to 96%

Initiatives:

- Star Assessment Systems - Reading and Math
- Case21 Benchmark Assessments
- 1.1 Technology Initiative
- Online systems, such as MobyMax and Study Island
- Initiation of the Early College Program - Florence Darlington Technical College
- Received a 1.5 million dollar school improvement grant





Timmons High School

“Empowering Students for the Future”

Objectives:

- Increase achievement on the EOC by 10%
- Increase the percentage of students who earn silver, gold, or platinum on the work Keys assessment by 10%
- Increase the composite scores on the SAT/ACT by 10%
- Increase graduation rate by 20%
- Increase the number of students enrolled in career and dual enrollment courses by 10%
- Increase parent involvement by 20%
- Increase student and teacher attendance to 96%

Initiatives:

- On-site and on-line dual enrollment courses are offered to students by Florence–Darlington Technical College. Currently, second semester, seniors will have the opportunity to earn 12 college credits and our juniors 9 credits.
- Students participated in ACT/SAT workshops at Clemson University and on-site with One on One Learning.
- Targeted professional development was scheduled for EOC teachers to provide them with strategies and resources to improve student performance.
- Systems were established to improve the graduation rate by utilizing a tracking system for students.



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2014 - 2016



On behalf of the Florence County School District Four Board of Trustees, thank you for entrusting us to steer the district toward a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies.

Teacher of the Year

2016



2017

Watching a student's eyes light up when they find a book that mesmerizes them, is one of the reasons our district's teacher of the year, Ms. Mary Hall-Kellar, loves her job.

Her love of education and literature is evident in the reading rich environment that she has created in the media center. Ms. Hall-Kellar loves to share her favorite books with the students, and you can even find her teaching the students about puppetry or having the students create a project that is displayed in the hallways of the school.

Ms. Hall-Kellar has been an educator for 27 years and has been a member of the Brockington Elementary staff for 10 years.

Ms. Hall-Kellar is an active member of the State Library Supervisory Committee and is a member of SCASL and the SCEA. She has also started a partnership with the Fireflies baseball team to help support her Accelerated Reader initiative. She has hosted the Summer Library Camp for several years. She has also received the Capstone Interactive Literacy Grant for the past two years.

Ms. Hall-Kellar is grateful for the support of the community. The Timmonsville IGA, Dollar General, and Main Street Florist have donated to make reading a top priority in the district. She would also like to thank the community members who have donated time to help her and our students.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
I Can Read with My Eyes Shut by Dr. Seuss.

Parent Engagement Day

Saturday, April 30, 2016 was set aside as the district's Parent Engagement Day for Brockington Elementary School, Johnson Middle School and Timmonsville High School stakeholders. This day was designed to specifically network with the parents, students, and community by creating fun and instructional activities and sessions that are relevant to the success of the children in Florence County School District Four. This was also a time for the district to showcase the talent that we have right here in the building. The spotlight has been on Florence County School District Four and a great idea arose to shine the light on the positive work that is displayed on a daily basis in Florence Four. Studies have shown that when parents are engaged in education, students do better academically and socially.

Notifications of the event were sent out a few weeks before. Parents were asked to complete the bottom portion of the form and return it by Friday, April 22, 2016 to ensure that everyone in attendance would be served well. The communication was also sent out several times through the parent notification system, a bulletin was placed at the local grocery (IGA) store on the main street, the broadcast was sent to the radio station, the announcement was sent out to the local churches in the community as well as the local businesses, social media outlets were used, word of mouth, and Title I Coordinator, Mrs. Fisher formed a team of members that assisted her in walking through and driving through the community to pass out flyers and invite the community in to the event.

The theme, "The Road to Construction" was chosen to capture the moment of where we are going here in Florence Four and to highlight that we are building our learning day by day. As a way to capture the theme, many of the volunteer workers & staff members that came out dressed in construction-like gear & SCDOT of Florence SC was gracious in allowing Title I Coordinator, Mrs. Lashaundra Fisher to use many of their road signs & cones to decorate the different areas of use in the facility to fully embrace the theme of "The Road to Construction". The parents that volunteered to work designated areas also made their way around to different booths & sessions.

There were nine sessions to choose from and 11 booths that everyone could visit. The sessions included:

- K-2 Reading: "Building Blocks to Reading"-Room A217
- K-2 Math: "Robotic Addition"-Room A216
- 3-5 Reading: "Parents Promoting Literacy"-A113
- 3-5 Math: "Card Sharks"-A114
- EdVenture Science-BES Hallway at Corner
- Constructing with STEM-Room D110
- Dance to the Beat with Zumba-Cafeteria
- Drumline: "A New Era"-Band Room
- Fitness for PE-Gym

The booths included:

- * One on one with Interim Superintendent, Dr. Zona Jefferson
- * Wellness Screening by three nurses
- * Chiropractor, Dr. Jennifer Evans
- * Massage Therapist, Eastern Carolina Family Medicine
- * Gifted and Talented Arts Program, Jessie Welch
- * Early College Knowledge, Florence-Darlington Technical College
- * Email 101, Cardelia Brewer and Dominic Davis
- * Divine to Shine, youth support group
- * FAFSA/Scholarship Awareness, Anjennette Moses
- * Speech Pathologist, Jacqueline Dingle-Pompey
- * Popcorn Station



Once a parent, guardian, volunteer, community member, etc. entered the building, they were asked to sign in at the registration table & they all received a package. With the package, there was a card that each person received that outlined each instructional session & booth as well as a lunch ticket. The sessions were broken into 30 minute intervals with 15 minutes between each session, allowing time to visit booths. Each booth was worth 5 points & each session was worth 10 points. During the 11AM-12PM lunch frame, the students were able to redeem their points for instructional items that were set in the "Prize Redemption Center".

Light breakfast refreshments were served upon entering.

Several door prizes were donated. There was a door prize presented at each session. Students & parents were also able to take part in a grand prize drawing for a bicycle, a 32" television, & several gift cards/certificates during the timeframe designated for lunch. Everyone was dismissed at 12PM.



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Accela Transportation
Bark Avenue Grooming Salon
BJT Alumni
Boys and Girls Club
Bracey Precision, LLC
Carbis
Chaney Grove Baptist Church
Class of 2003

Clemson Extension
Coca Cola Bottling Company
Cold Stone Creamer
Hi-Impact Signs
Honda of SC
Jefferson & Associates, LLC
Joe's Food Truck
Krispy Kreme

LeaderComm - United Methodist Church
Mashack Landscape & Nursery
McDonald's
Pete's Barber Shop
Pepsi Cola Bottling
Poynor Adult Education
SCDOT
Skool Aid

Favor of God International Ministries
Fellowship Church of God
Fisher Photography Photo Shoot
Florence County First Steps
Florence Darlington Technical College
Florence County Sheriff Office
Chic-Fil-A
Floyd's Convenience Store, LLC

Forest Lake Greenhouses
Gene's Jewelry
George's Restaurant
Hart to Hart Florist
Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church
Town of Timmons ville
Timmons ville Area Ministerial Alliance
Timmons ville Public Library

Timmons ville IGA
Truluck's Seafood Restaurant
VirtualSC
Wal-Mart
Webster Rogers
Zaxby's
Webster Rogers
Zion Canaan Daycare

