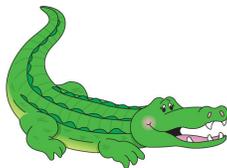


Gateway Elementary School

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GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS



Annual Report to the Community 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is such a privilege to share with you our annual Report to the Community for the 2020-21 school year. This unprecedented school year brought an opportunity for growth and reflection as we navigated through uncharted territory and overcame a number of obstacles with the tremendous support of our school community. Gateway celebrates an unbreakable partnership with our stakeholders, and because of this support, our school community continues to rise to the occasion in every circumstance and in any situation.

There is no doubt that this school year brought unique changes to our instructional routine, along with social and emotional challenges for our entire school community. Once again, our community stakeholders supported our Gators with donations to support the academic growth of our students as well as the social and emotional support of our students and staff. For example The Cliff's Valley and Cliff's Mountain Park outreach communities provided each teacher with microphones that allows them to be heard through masks and shields, grocery gift cards for our families in need, and a brand new Fountas and Pinnell reading system to allow our first graders access to a variety of literary experiences. The first grade reading system completes the set for all grade levels!

The Bank of Travelers Rest sponsored a fabulous holiday luncheon for all staff, and our wonderful PTA provided shade sails and benches on the large playground areas, as well as an interactive play area for our kindergarten students! Installation for these projects will begin in early spring, and will be completed this summer. In addition to the contributions mentioned above, our staff continues to utilize digital and concrete resources to assure that our Gators are afforded the opportunity to continue to grow academically in any learning environment.

As you know, beginning in 2019, Gateway began to delve deeply into using instructional technology to enhance our instructional delivery methods. Our students deepened their independent knowledge of using digital tools to enhance learning, and have blossomed into

responsible digital citizens. Our classroom instruction included the use of Flipgrid, Gizmos, Nearpod, Quizlet and Kahoot! among many others.

The faculty and staff of Gateway Elementary School continue to attend monthly professional development sessions to improve our knowledge of using the most current instructional delivery methods to increase student engagement and raise the academic achievement level for all students. This includes professional development presented by our own staff members! As a result, our staff continues to embed rich, innovative digital learning experiences into weekly lessons for our students.

In closing, I would like to again express our sincere appreciation for your support of Gateway Elementary School. This year has brought frequent reminders of how truly special it is to be a part of such a thriving and resilient community of stakeholders. Our school climate and academic goals that follow, did not change, as we continue to hold high expectations for our Gators. Together, with your continued support, we will surpass our expectations.

Academic Goals

Goal 1: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations on SC READY ELA will increase from 48.5% in 2016-17 to 55.7% in 2022-23.

Goal 2: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations on SC READY Math will increase from 59.1% in 2016-17 to 62.8% in 2022-23.

School Climate

Goal 4: Maintain at least 95.0% attendance rate for all students and all student sub groups from 2019 through 2023.

Objective: Continue to maintain at least 95.0% attendance rate for all students and all student subgroups for the 2019-2020 year.

Teacher and Administrator Quality

Goal 5: Maintain 100% of teachers as highly qualified from 2019-2023.

Objective: Continue to meet qualification criteria for 100% of teachers in all areas of certification.

The school renewal plan includes elements required by the Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993 (Act 135) and the Education Accountability Act of 1998 (EAA). We revise, monitor progress and adjust our goals within the plan annually in collaboration with our school faculty and staff, and our SIC (School Improvement Council).

Lastly, I feel that it is only fitting to again share our core values and beliefs. Our values and beliefs are the core of who we are, what we do, and how we think and feel. Values and beliefs reflect what is important to us; they describe what we think about educating our children, while continuing the focus of remembering that the hearts and minds of our children are of equal importance. Each school year, our staff revisits these guiding principles to assure that they truly reflect our current

beliefs. We examine and align our instruction, curriculum, and assessment initiatives to meet the expectations of 21st Century learners. We think that it is important to include our values and beliefs in our annual report as they set the tone for all that we do, and remind us of our purpose as educators.

We believe ..

- We believe all students and staff should be valued and treated with respect and dignity.
- We believe a safe environment is essential to the learning process.
- We believe all children and adults should be challenged to view life from different perspectives.
- We believe self-respect, discipline, and social skills should be modeled and reinforced at school.
- We believe family and community engagement in the learning process is an essential component for student success.
- We believe instruction should meet the needs of all students.
- We believe students should communicate ideas, collaborate productively, solve problems, think critically and creatively while consistently reflecting on their own thinking and learning.
- We believe that an effective learning community empowers all educators to make informed decisions and provides experiences through data driven planning to ensure the success of each student.
- We believe each member of our school community can be a successful, global citizen and 21st century lifelong learner.

Purpose

The purpose of Gateway Elementary School is to educate, prepare, and empower our students to become tomorrow's leaders. We, as the Gateway community, will lead and educate to the best of our ability and seek opportunities for personal and professional growth in our mission for continuous improvement. Our students will become effective communicators, developing appropriate social and decision-making skills by collaborating with others.

Mission

The mission of Gateway Elementary School is to provide a diverse and individualized educational environment along with experiences that develop, guide, empower and mentor students to be confident, creative, collaborative problem solvers and responsible lifelong learners. We strive to

provide our students with an atmosphere that models and teaches empathy, respect, and strategies for productive problem solving and developing a growth mindset. Our dedication to this mission will foster active, productive members of society and career ready leaders of tomorrow.

Shared Vision

The focus for our vision at Gateway Elementary School emphasizes the ability to recognize strengths within ourselves and in others. We provide meaningful experiences that empower students to analyze data, track their learning progress and utilize critical thinking and technology as tools for learning.

Sincerely,
Susan Stuble, Principal
Mike Geran, SIC Chair