



# Gateway Gators

Gateway Elementary School  
Annual Report to the Community

May, 2014  
GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are pleased to share our annual Report to the Community for the 2013-14 school year. Our award winning Gators are continuing a tradition of academic excellence, and have once again been recognized at federal, state and local levels. The goals that are listed below are embedded in our school renewal plan, and assure that we continue to work in collaboration with all major stakeholders in achieving academic excellence for all of our children. As you know, our efforts were recognized over the last three consecutive school years as we were the recipients of three prestigious awards: The Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Awards that recognized outstanding academic achievement of all students, and the Closing the Gap Silver Award that recognized growth in our lower performing subgroups. We are pleased to announce that Gateway was recently notified that our students have earned the prestigious Palmetto Gold Award for academic excellence for the 2013-2014 school year! This will be our third consecutive year for Gateway to receive this distinction. This award signifies the highest award given for academic excellence in our state. In addition to our awards, Gateway Elementary School received a federal ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Accountability Act) rating of “B” and an absolute rating on our state report card of “Excellent”. Clearly, our students are meeting the challenges of increasingly difficult academic standards with great success, in large part due to the enormous support that we are showered with from our Travelers Rest community, teachers and support staff. At this time of year, we begin to look forward to the coming school year, and plan alongside our major stakeholders for another year of excellence for our Gators. The formal title of our combined efforts is our “School Renewal Plan”.

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).

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 year, our staff revisits our core beliefs examining how our instruction, curriculum, and assessment will increase student achievement. 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.



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## We believe...

- We believe that all students should be valued and treated with respect and dignity.
- We believe a safe environment is essential to the learning process.
- We believe all children should be challenged to view life from different perspectives.
- We believe self-respect, discipline, and social skills should be reinforced at school.
- We believe family engagement in the learning process is an essential component for student success.
- We believe differentiated curriculum and instruction should accommodate individual learning styles to meet the needs of all students.
- We believe educational experiences should enable students to communicate ideas, solve problems, think critically and creatively and consistently reflect on their own thinking.
- We believe a community partnership is essential for school success.
- We believe a PLC (Professional Learning Community) empowers all stakeholders 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 life-long learner.

## Gateway Elementary School-wide Goals 2013 – 2018

### Student Achievement

(The data used in the following student achievement calculations were derived from spring 2013 PASS results)

**Goal I:** The percentage of third – fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS Math test will increase from 81.7% in 2012 to 87.7% in 2018.

**Objective:** The percentage of third - fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS Math test will increase from 84.3% in 2012-13 to 85% in 2014.



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**Goal 2:** The percentage of third – fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS ELA test will increase from 82% in 2012-2013 to 89% in 2018.

**Objective:** The percentage of third-fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS ELA test will increase from 82% in 2012-2013 to 87% in 2014.

**Goal 3:** The percentage of third - fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS Writing test will increase from 76.9% in 2012-2013 to 80.8% in 2018.

**Objective:** The percentage of third - fifth grade students scoring Met and Exemplary on the PASS Writing test will increase from 76.9% in 2012-2013 to 78% in 2014.

## School Climate

**Goal 4:** Maintain at least a 96.8% attendance rate for all students and all student subgroups from 2012 through 2018.

**Objective:** Continue to maintain at least a 96.8% attendance rate for all students and all student subgroups for the 2013-2014 year.

## Teacher and Administrator Quality

**Goal 5:** Maintain 100% of teachers as highly qualified from 2012-2018.

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

We would like to thank you for your continued support of Gateway Elementary School! It is clear from the progress represented in surpassing our goals that our school is fully embraced by the Travelers Rest community. We are proud to be a vital part of such a thriving community, rich in history and traditions, and a school that truly embraces the philosophy that “Success Begins Here!”

Sincerely,  
Susan Stuble, Principal  
Kristen Short, SIC Chair



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