

## Student Achievements

- Connor Bowers was named a SC Junior Scholar.
- Kloey Pickens and Jermale Gaines were name to the Greenville County All-Star Basketball team.
- Pedro Castillo and Anna Taylor were named Berea Middle School's Advocates for Character and Education winners.
- Nineteen students were inducted into the Beta Club Honor Society.
- Samantha Watson, sixth grade, won first place in print making and Jennifer Bravo-Rodriquez, seventh grade won second place in the Greenville County Schools Middle School juried art show.
- Maria Gaspar-Castillo, Meagan Lewis, Abby Weathers and Abbie Carver were selected as participants in the district Spring Sing.
- Tristian Ruble was selected to the All-County Band at the middle school level.
- The Black History Quiz Bowl Team placed second in the county competition.

## Berea Middle School SIC Members

- Dollie Adams, Parent
- Yolande Allen, Grandparent
- Nancy Cooper, Director of Heller Service Corps, Furman University
- Sandy Curry, Community Member
- Macio Edmunds, Teacher
- Teresa Floyd, Assistant Principal
- Elizabeth Harris, Teacher
- Dr. Scott Henderson, Furman University, Director of Program Development and Evaluation
- Nancy Graham, Berea Middle, Title I Facilitator
- Maria Johnson, Parent
- Dawn Maness, Parent and Community Member
- Robin Mill, Berea Middle, Principal

## Purpose of the Report

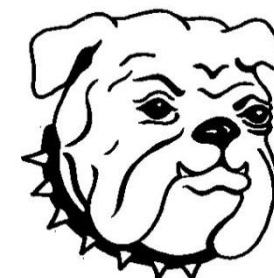
*This Report is issued by the Berea Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## Berea Middle School

Where Hard Work Pays Off

## Annual School Improvement Council

## Report to the Parents 2016 – 2017



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*To provide students with **Success for Today, Preparation for Tomorrow and Learning For a Lifetime***

## SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council's goals for the school year were to

1. Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student;
2. Provide an school environment support of learning;
3. Increase the percentage of parents, students and teachers satisfied with the learning environment; and
4. Increase the percentage of parents who indicate their child feels safe at school.

Parent and community involvement continued during the school year through

- ↪ Monthly parent workshops provided by the Title I Staff;
- ↪ Several partnerships through Furman University including Furman Tutors;
- ↪ Continuation of the Men and Ladies of Distinction programs;
- ↪ Various community speakers, including a meteorologist, community educators from local organizations, a nutritionist, and medical residents;
- ↪ Berea Spinners Bike Club partnered with Greenville Health System; Harper Corporation; Recreational Equipment, Inc.; Subway; Clemson's Momentum Bike Clubs; and Greenville Spinners;
- ↪ Various churches that donated to the weekend back pack program.

## School Achievements

- ♦ On the 2016 Report Card, the passage rate for Berea Middle School students taking end-of-courses tests was 100% for Algebra I and English I.
- ♦ As a recipient of the OnTrack Greenville grant from United Way, Berea Middle has a student support specialist for each grade level (Communities in Schools); a mental health specialist; Teen Leadership class; Early Warning Response System used to collect student data (Greenville County Schools); school-based health clinic with a nurse practitioner and registered nurse (Greenville Health System); literacy coaches (Public Education Partners); and a six-week camp for rising sixth graders (Building Educated Learners for Life). Evaluation of results of the OnTrack Greenville initiative is conducted by the Riley Institute at Furman University.
- ♦ Teachers at Berea Middle School were awarded \$51,000 through the Donors Choose program which resulted in murals, equipment for the bike club, content-related materials and field trips.
- ♦ Mr. Damon Qualls, Assistant Principal, was recognized by the South Carolina Association of Curriculum and Development as an Emerging Leader and by the Upstate Parent Magazine as one of Ten Educators Who Make a Difference.
- ♦ Berea Middle instituted a Men Who Read, Dress for Success Program with a mission and vision to bridge the gap between male and female students' standardized test scores in Reading and English Language Arts.

## Additional Information

Berea Middle is a suburban middle school located in the northwest quadrant of Greenville County. Our middle school serves students in grades six, seven and eight. During the 2016-2017 year, the school enrolled approximately 678 students and employed 72 staff members, including professional and para-professional staff.

Significant challenges to Berea Middle School included

- ❖ A transient population, which results in students lacking content not taught before transferring, or repeating content that had already been taught; and
- ❖ Decreased Title I funding which resulted in fewer resources available for professional development and other activities.

**Berea Middle School is always looking for additional parental involvement in the school. Parents or any agency who would like additional information about ways in which they could become more involved in the school should contact the school at 864-355-1700.**

*For more information, you may view Berea Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*