

Student Achievements

- ◆ Eighth Graders Maria Ventura-Morales, Kenny Phan, and Rebecca Karkkanen were named SC Junior Scholars.
- ◆ Sixth Grader Destinee Garnier was presented the “I Am an Achiever” award by Congressman Trey Gowdy.
- ◆ Eighth Graders Maria Ventura-Morales and Tien Phan were named Berea Middle School’s Advocates for Character and Education winners.
- ◆ Michelle Cortez, 6th Grade, was one of thirteen students whose art work is featured in the 2016 Anti-Drug Poster Calendar for the month of October.
- ◆ Andrew Leigh, 7th Grade, was awarded first place in the Greenville County School District Middle School Art Show for 7th grade in the 3-D/Sculpture Category.
- ◆ Sixth Graders Savion Brown, Alieshia Mims, Khalik Murry, Dizayah Rice and Seventh Grader Shakur Barr were members of the Berea Middle Black History Quiz Bowl Team which won the middle school level competition.

Berea Middle School SIC Members

- Katherine Christie, Berea Middle, School Counselor
- Mendy Christmas, Parent
- Nancy Cooper, Furman University, Coordinator of Volunteer Services
- Sandy Curry, Retired School Employee
- Elizabeth Harris, Berea Middle, Resource Teacher
- Dr. Scott Henderson, Furman University, Director of Program Development and Evaluation
- Kathleen McDaniel, Berea Middle, Title I Facilitator
- Robin Mill, Berea Middle, Principal
- Damon Qualls, Berea Middle, Assistant Principal
- Jean Smart, Parent, Chairperson of the SIC
- Hannah Sweatt, Berea Middle, School Counselor
- Dr. Johnny Wallace, Berea Middle, Instructional Coach

Purpose of the Report

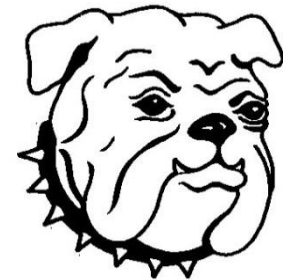
This Report is issued by the Berea Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Berea Middle School

Where Hard Work Pays Off

Annual School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents 2015 – 2016



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BMS Mission Statement

*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. Increase the number of parents and community members attending PTA, SIC and other school-related functions;
2. Continue to develop partnerships with community organizations; and
3. Continue conducting Title I parent workshops throughout the school year to address parent and student issues and concerns.

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 banking representative, a property management consultant, and a poet in residence, speaking on careers;
- ↗ 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 and organizations that donate to the weekend back pack program including Harvest Hope and Loaves and Fishes.

School Achievements

- ♦ Teachers at Berea Middle School were awarded \$27,294 through the Donors Choose program which resulted in murals, healthy snacks, field trip scholarships, exercise bands, etc.
- ♦ On the 2015 Report Card, the passage rate for Berea Middle School students taking the End-of-Course tests was 94.7% in Algebra I and 100% in 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.

- ♦ The school purchased Dell Venue tablets (Grade 7) and Chromebooks (Grade 8) as part of the school's personal learning devices initiative.
- ♦ Berea Middle School is offering several more opportunities for students to earn high school credit, supporting the district's graduation plus initiative.

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 2015 – 2016 year, the school enrolled approximately 636 students and employed 74 staff members, including professional and para-professional staff.

Significant challenges to Berea Middle School included

- ❖ Lower enrollment which resulted in a loss of teachers, and an increase in the student-teacher ratio;
- ❖ A transient population, which resulted in students lacking content not taught at the previous school, or repeating content that had already been taught; and
- ❖ Decreased 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 can 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.