#### **Student Achievements**

- 13 students named State Champions @ 2022 State Jr. Beta Convention; 2 students placed 1st
- 7 Band students selected for All County, 7 students selected for Region, & 3 students named All State
- 17 Orchestra students selected for Region, 8 selected for All County, & 4 named All State
- Student selected for the 2021 Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship for Gifted
   Learners
- Band AND Orchestra received Superior Concert Performance Assessment Rating
- PTA Reflections Program 3 students received state Award of Excellence; 7 students received state Award of Merit
- 8th grade student placed 1st in the Youth Art Month SCAEA Visual Art Show, Southeast Division
- 19 students selected for Piccolo Spoleto Festival; 16 selected for String Ensemble Performance, 3 students to perform a Cello Solo, a Theatre Solo, and a Dance Solo.
- 6 students advanced to State Math-Counts Competition; 1st in Team, 1st & 3rd in Individual, 2nd & 3rd in Count Down Competition
- Student accepted as Junior Finalist in the 2022 Middle School Honors Performance Series to perform at Carnegie Hall

 Student received 1st Place in the category of Junior Math & Technology at the SC Region 1 Science Fair at Southern Wesleyan University

#### **School/Faculty Achievements**

- 2021 U.S. News & World Report Best Elementary AND Best Middle School (#1 Middle School in the State)
- 2021 William "Bill" T. Wylie
   V.A.L.U.E.D. Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity
- 2021 Sylvia Palmer Sustainable Educator School Award
- 2020-2022 National PTA School of Excellence
- 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year: Lisa Helsel (3rd Grade)
- 2021 Upstate Parent Magazine's "10 Educators Who Make a Difference" -Jeremy Murphy (Assistant Principal)
- Public Education Partners Building STEAM Grant Recipient: Jackie Lecaroz (Middle School Teacher)
- Members of the Faculty Presented at the Following Conferences: ASCD (global), NAGC (national), PSSCA (state), SCASL (state) & SCAMLE (state)
- Lisa Helsel (3rd Grade) published in The Reading Teacher, titled Responsive Teaching in the Writer's Workshop

## 2020-2021 Assessment Performance Results

Subject	SC Ready	% Exceeds & Meets	District Avg.	State Avg.
READING	ELEM	70.4%	50%	42.6%
	MIDDLE	100%		
MATH	ELEM	68.8%	44.1%	37.3%
	MIDDLE	<b>97.1%</b>		
Subject	SC PASS	% Exemplary & Met	District Avg.	State Avg.
SCIENCE	ELEM	76.9%	52.1%	43.3%
	MIDDLE	100%		

For the 2021-22 school year, Proviso 1.91 of the 2021-22 General Appropriations Bill suspended testing of grade 8 in science and grades 5 and 7 in social studies.

# 2022 Annual Report to Parents

# Sterling School ~ Charles Townes Center

Dr. Josh Patterson, Principal

Mr. Jeremy Murphy, Assistant Principal Mrs. Antrina Harris, Administrative Assistant



## **School Improvement Council Members**

Lindsay Metcalf, Chair - Parent Phillip Bradley - Parent

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Deborah Foulkes - Teacher

Jennifer Johnston - Teacher

Quentoria Jones - Parent

Chloe McGoogin - Parent

Shayla Read - Parent Linda Reynolds - Teacher

Dr. Shane Robertson - Teacher

Jane Snyder - Community Member

Perry Behrens - PTA Co-President, ex officio

Kristy Hatch - PTA Co-President, ex officio

Dr. Josh Patterson - Principal, ex officio

## **Sterling School Mission Statement**

"Sterling School seeks to create an environment in which each student receives a personalized educational experience that allows them to explore their world, be enriched, and excel both academically and emotionally as they prepare for challenges today and tomorrow."

## **Sterling School**

99 John McCarroll Way ~ Greenville, SC 29607

# **Updated Needs Assessment**

- Continue to advocate for the "Whole Child" by furthering our efforts to create a school environment that is challenging, engaging, supportive, healthy, and safe.
- Strengthen our focus of Personalized Learning, specifically Inquiry-Based/Project Based
  Learning (PBL) and Guided Reading/Math
  while emphasizing specific strategies to ensure all students are engaged in critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.
- Continue to develop and enhance our school's instructional focus to increase achievement as indicated by Mastery Connect benchmarks, SCReady, SCPass, and ongoing formative assessments.
- Strengthen our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) framework by implementing and sustaining Greenville County Schools' On-Track System of Student Support.
- Strengthen our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) through continued professional development and the implementation of programs that will enhance this effort.

# **Updated Activities**

#### Instructional Supports

- RTI (Response to Intervention)
- OnTrack Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- S-Squared (Soaring to Success) After School Academic Support
- Summer Bridge Program
- Promethean Boards in all classrooms & computer labs
- TE21/MasteryConnect benchmarks data analysis review
- Instructional Coaches, Student-Centered Coaching Cycles, & Instructional Rounds
- Chromebooks 1:1

## **School Climate & Safety**

- Griffins Connect weekly eNewsletters, Facebook page & Twitter account
- Middle School Griffin Days
- Faculty & Staff of the Month recognition
- Guidance Support Groups
- Middle School Student led School Improvement Council
- SafeCeiver Emergency Communication System
- GCS Backpack & Teacher Webpages
- Custodians cleaning/safety inspections

### **Teacher Quality**

- Monthly Professional Development to Strengthen Questioning Strategies and Develop the Asking of Stronger Questions
- Ongoing Social-Emotional Learning Professional Development
- Furman University Teacher Partnership

## **Educational Enrichments**

- Honors Level Courses; English I, Algebra I, Geometry, Spanish II, Orchestra I, Band I, Art I
- Wings Academic Coaching Initiative
- After School Program
- 3rd Grade CTC Curiosity Project
- 7th Grade CTC Activism Project
- Media Center Makeover & MakerSpace
- Read Across America & Character Dress-Up Day; Readers Arrrgh Leaders Community Readers Day; Summer & Winter

Break Reading Challenge; Greenville Drive All-Star Reading Program; Read-A-Thon; Furman University Football Reading Buddies

- Nick Bruel Author Visit (Bad Kitty)
- Beta Club Convention
- MathCounts, Girls on the Run, Rubics Cube, & Other Clubs
- PTA Reflections Program

#### Parent/Community Involvement

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Improvement Council
- Mentor Upstate
- Nicholtown Child & Family Collaborative Partnership
- Sustaining Way
- Middle School Lunch & Learn (with school counselor)
- Coffee with the Counselors (elementary level)
- Arts Integration support through MAC SmartARTS Collaborations
- Veteran's Day Program
- Black History Celebration
- Imagine Upstate STEAM Festival
- Griffin Guards Father-Figures Program
- Kiwanis Eastside Greenville School Grant ("Creativity Takes Courage")
- Primary/Intermediate/Middle School Career Days & National Career Development Week
- Butterfly Garden/Work Days
- PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- Jr. Beta Club Spirit Week
- Jr. Beta Club Book Drive
- Prospective CTC Families Open House/ Program Preview
- Middle School Curriculum Night
- Hands On Greenville Day
- College Colors Day
- Backpack Program
- CTC Alumni Webpage