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Report to the People

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Wren Middle School is an outstanding school with high expectations and academic excellence as primary goals. We are committed to providing a learning environment where students are challenged to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for future success. "Closing the Achievement Gap" continues to be a major focus as we strive to meet the academic needs of all of our students. With the implementation of common core standards, teachers and administrators continue to collaborate within professional learning communities to plan the most effective instruction for their students. All students participate in MAP testing in the areas of ELA and math in the fall and spring. Test data is used to identify the academic strengths and weaknesses of individual students. Wren Middle School offers programs during the school day that are specifically designed to provide extra time and assistance for students in all academic classes. Professional development opportunities are available for teachers to provide specific training on the implementation of new instructional initiatives such as SREB Literacy Design Collaborative and the use of iPads in the classroom. We are very excited about the Anderson One Digital Innovation Initiative that will provide iPads for all students. This program will truly enhance our instructional program and provide opportunities for our students that will help them reach their great academic potential. Character education also continues to be very important at Wren Middle School. We are planning to implement the Positive Behavior Intervention Support Program at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. This program will be in addition to the current WMS Character Education Ticket Program. Safety and security will always be a top priority for Wren Middle School. All of our teachers and students have been trained in the A.L.I.C.E. "Moving Beyond "Lockdown" Program. We take this very seriously and continue to monitor and adjust as needed to ensure a safe environment for all of our students.

Wren Middle School appreciates a supportive PTSO and School Improvement Council. Our PTSO continues to provide funds for technology, the music and band programs, athletic teams, instructional materials, and all of our extracurricular events. Wren Middle School is a community of learners emphasizing academics, service, and the arts. Our goal is to provide students a safe environment with diverse and challenging opportunities that will bridge the gap to the future and enable them to develop skills to ensure success throughout their educational careers and beyond.

