

LAURENS ELEMENTARY

A Palmetto Silver Award --- Winning School

Learning Every Second

Leading Every Step

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2017 School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected

- Stephanie Barksdale—Teacher
- Ashley Bragg—Teacher
- Emily Dasher—Parent
- Amanda Munyan—Parent
- Claire Pratt—Parent (Chair)
- Nick Russell—Teacher
- Melissa Thomason—Parent
- Liz Weaver—Parent

Appointed

- Ronda Benson—Community
- Sylvia Douglas—Community
- Ted Richardson—Community
- John Stankus—Community

Ex-officio

- Phillip Dean—Principal
- Randy Dendy—Assistant Principal

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Laurens Elementary 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.

South Carolina School Report Card Ratings (ratings were not issued in 2015 or 2016)

Year	Absolute	Improvement
2014	Good	Good
2013	Average	Good
2012	Average	Good

Vision: Laurens Elementary will be a school of excellence and equity in educational practices for each learner.

Mission: The mission of Laurens Elementary School is to create a community of learners who are responsible and productive citizens.

Community Partnerships:

- ☑ First Baptist Church of Laurens
- ☑ Bojangles of Laurens
- Wal-Mart Distribution
- ☑ Rotary of Laurens
- ☑ Laurens Y



Congratulations to:

Stephanie Barksdale—Teacher of the Year
Jennifer Darling—Support Staff of the Year
Cathy Loving—Cafeteria Employee of the Year

Principal for the Day

Laurens Elementary welcomed WYFF news anchor Geoff Hart as our principal for the day.



School Goals

SC Ready Writing—We will reduce the number of non-scored writing responses by 50%.

SC Ready ELA—We will increase the percentage of students scoring Meets or Exceeds Expectation from 38.8% to 50%.

SC Ready Math—We will increase the percentage of students scoring Meets or Exceeds Expectation from 49.04% to 60%.

SC PASS Science—We will increase the percentage of students scoring Met or Exemplary from 68.27% to 75%.

SC PASS Social Studies—We will increase the percentage of students scoring Met or Exemplary from 70.19% to 80%.

We will increase opportunities for student leadership and recognition.



Recognition and Accomplishments

- Palmetto Silver Award recipient for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015
- Reward School for Progress and Performance 2014
- Three teachers—Nick Russell, Savannah Taylor, and Tanya Towne—selected to attend the Roper Mountain Science Institute in the summer of 2017
- Fifth grade student Blake Lyons was the district winner for the Superintendent's Writing Award
- Many teachers have received a Masters in Language and Literacy from The University of South Carolina or achieved Literacy Teacher endorsement
- Two teachers received a Masters in Science Education from Clemson University through a district-sponsored cohort

SCHOOL SAFETY

- Full-Time School Resource Officer from Laurens Police Department
- Controlled entry to building
- Visitors must scan drivers license or ID to visit or pick-up students

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Part-time technology coach
- 2 wired computer labs
- 4 mobile Chromebook labs
- iPads, computers, and laptops in classrooms
- Promethean boards/panels in every classroom

STUDENT LEADERSHIP/SERVICE LEARNING

- Beta Club
- Fifth Grade Helpers
- Flag Detail
- Donations to Hospice
- Jump Rope for Heart for American Heart Association
- Walk at School to Honor First Responders

STUDENT RECOGNITION

- Monthly LES' Leaders (Terrific Kids)
- Perfect Attendance
- Dean's List ("A" Honor Roll)
- "A/B" Honor Roll
- Weekly Related Arts Stars

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Montessori Education (Parent Choice)
- 21st Century After School Program
- Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clubs

