

School Achievements

- Christa Elledge- GCO Distinguished Literacy Teacher (elementary)
Michelle Spires- GCO Distinguished Literacy Teacher (Middle)
- Continued Implementation of personalized learning and student choice
- Document Cameras in every classroom
- Chromebooks available to all students in grades 4K-8.
- From Fall to Winter, the following percentage of students met their MAP target growth in Reading: 1st- 86%, 2nd- 86%, 3rd- 75%, 4th- 65%, 5th- 43% of students; 6th- 42% of students; 7th- 59% of students; 8th- 73% of students
- From Fall to Winter, the following percentage of students met their MAP target growth in Math: 1st- 85%, 2nd- 73%, 3rd- 65%, 4th- 60%, 5th- 57% of students; 6th- 58% of students; 7th- 67% of students; 8th- 78% of students
- Michelle Spires- South Carolina Association of School Librarians' of the Year Award



GCO SIC Members

Elected Members:

- Mindy Carter- Parent (Chair)
- Lindsey Dawkins- Teacher (Vice Chair)
- Michelle Spires- Teacher
- Shay Barksdale-Parent
- Ashley Hudson-Parent
- Victoria Potter- Parent

Appointed Members:

- Marty Crain-Community Member
- Bret Davis- Community Member
- John Fahrney- Community Member

Ex-officio Member:

- Kim Penland- Principal
- Dr. Paketrice White- Assistant Principal
- Brook England- Assistant Principal (Secretary)
- Kelsey Cato- Teacher of the Year

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Gray Court-Owings 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.

Gray Court-Owings School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents"

2020-2021



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Mission Statement

The mission of Gray Court-Owings School is to empower and inspire all to be educated and informed.

GCO SIC GOALS

Goals for the SIC focused on goals to improve safety, instruction, and accountability with an emphasis on academic recovery.

- **Safety:** Safety and security upgrades to the campus including adding a handrail to the stairs outside of the second grade hall and placing additional cameras to areas of the building have been added. The building was rekeyed in the Summer of 2020 for safety purposes. The SIC reviewed the District 55 COVID-19 protocol for school campuses. Temperature checks and masks are required upon entry of all students, staff, and visitors. Desks are spaced 3-6 feet apart with partitions on each desk. Hand sanitizer stations and water bottle stations were added throughout the building. An isolation room was added for students with possible COVID-19 exposure.
- **Instruction:** The SIC reviewed steps taken to improve instruction, such as coaching cycles, uninterrupted instructional time, instructional expectations, data analysis during professional learning communities, professional development, and data driven instruction.
- **Academic Recovery:** The SIC reviewed the Academic Recovery Plan for GCO. Students were able to participate in after school tutoring, the 21st Century After

School Program, or Engage SC. Interventionists began using the "push-in" model in grades K-1. Academic Recovery continues to be a priority, and instructional decisions for additional academic support continue to be made as we continue to monitor progress of our students.

- **Accountability:** The SIC discussed improvements in student attendance and truancy. The SIC also discussed the use of formative and summative assessments to help monitor student growth and achievement.

Programs Offered

- Middle School Athletics
- High school credits offered in Algebra I, Honors English I, Computer Science, and Spanish I
- Montessori Program for grades 4K-5
- 21st Century After-School Program
- Visual and Fine Arts Program
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Career Development Program
- Academic Recovery After-school Tutoring
- Multi-tiered System of Supports with focus on academic intervention
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Book Vending Machine as Reading Incentive
- AVID-Advancement via Individual Determination

Community Partnerships:



- Bramlett United Methodist Church
- Certified Security Systems
- Gray Court Church of God
- Friendship Baptist Church
- House of Pizza
- M&M Scrap Metal
- Martin Brothers Construction
- Matt Davis State Farm
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Fibertex Nonwovens
- Vulcan Materials
- ZF Transmissions