



WATERLOO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents

2021-2022

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PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This report is issued by the Waterloo 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 S.I.C., and other accomplishments during the school year.

SIC Annual Goals

- Increase the number of families reporting they are satisfied with school-home relations;
- Increase the percentage of students scoring "meeting" or "exceeding" expectations on SCREADY by 11% until 2025; and
- Increase the number of teachers who have completed the requirements for Read to Succeed.

Progress toward Goals

- Our principal, Mr. Thomas, uses many methods of communicating with parents such as Remind 101, Facebook posts and Facebook Live, QR codes for parent surveys, and weekly videos to include all in the conversation about activities, daily life around the school, upcoming events and any other pertinent information to provide opportunities for parental involvement.
- Recent parent sign-in sheets showed that over half of our student enrollment was represented during the S.T.E.M. parent night.
- Students are showing large gains on their MAP tests which should correlate with improved SCREADY scores in the Spring of 2022.



Student Achievement

- Students in K-2 who receive services from the school's Academic Interventionist have shown improvement.
- ALL of our 4K students have shown 30% academic growth in the P.A.L.S assessment.
- Our school represents the highest percentage of students who are exceeding the expectations in ELA and Math as compared to other elementary schools in the district.
- All students who receive services through Resource have improved their oral reading fluency score by at least 7 words per minute or more.

Students showed growth in ELA and Math from Fall to Winter on their MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test:

1st Grade:

- Reading: 9.4-point growth
- Math: 9.6-point growth

2nd Grade:

- Reading: 9.4-point growth
- Math: 9.1-point growth

3rd Grade:

- Reading: 8-point growth
- Math: 6.7-point growth

4th Grade:

- Reading: 9.3-point growth
- Math: 7.4-point growth

5th Grade:

- Reading: 4.3-point growth
- Math: 6.8-point growth

For more information, you may view Waterloo Elementary School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.



School Achievements & Additional Information

- Miss Martin, 2nd grade teacher, wrote an article about Autism Spectrum Disorder that was published in a professional journal.
- Mrs. Kena Cox, a Primary Montessori teacher, was chosen as the school's Distinguished Teacher of Literacy.
- Two teams of fourth and fifth grade students earned awards at the annual Michelin® S.T.E.M. Car competition.
- Archery participants from 4th and 5th grade received medals for placing first, second and third against local schools in the district.
- Our school returned at least 150 reading logs to complete Greenville Drive's Reading All-Stars challenge.
- Our teachers are very active on the Donors Choose platform. Over the past three years, over \$117K has been raised, along with 232 projects funded, utilizing over 855 donors.

Waterloo Elementary is a small, rural community school in Laurens County. We continue to work to increase our participation in the PTA, and SIC and recruit parent volunteers. Below are some additional activities in which our school participates in partnership with the community, churches, and local businesses.

- Morning News Show produced and recorded by students
- Club Days
- Reading Buddies: Related Arts teachers work one-on-one with students at all grade levels
- Fall Festival "Boo at the Loo" and Spring Carnival
- Parents, teachers, and community members volunteer their time
- Hats and mittens donated by an anonymous donor and given to all students
- Student Academic Awards Days
- Student of the Month luncheons with Principal Thomas
- Birthday pictures with Mr. Thomas