



Lexington Elementary School

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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2019-2020

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Mission Statement: The mission of Lexington Elementary School, in partnership with our community, is to develop in an enriched learning environment, life-long learners for the ever-changing world who demonstrate the International Baccalaureate attributes and attitudes of responsible citizens in a global society.

Purpose of the Report: School Improvement Councils (SICs) are to publish and distribute a Report to Parents each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the Principal to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

The LES International Baccalaureate Leadership Team continued to implement the IB Primary Years Program. We restructured our Leadership Report Card to include all 10 of the IB Learner Traits. Each grade level has developed all six of the Transdisciplinary Themes through the Program of Inquiry (POI) as we continue to collaborate and develop new instructional practices to meet state standards. We also continued rigorous professional development in the Workshop Model as we continued our work through the state standards in ELA, math and inquiry instructional process. We met regularly with teachers to discuss and plan collaboratively, develop common assessments, and analyze the results of those common assessments to compare student progress and plan instruction. Our teachers continue to use differentiated instruction, reading, and writing workshop models to meet the individual learning needs for all children and it continues to provide a challenge. To provide small group differentiated instruction, teachers use technology such as iPads and SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards that allow students to actively participate in lessons. Small group instruction continues to be effective using the Workshop Model for reading and writing. We have invested in professional development resources in a number of staff in attending the Teacher's College in NYC to learn more about the Workshop Model.



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Our student-led “LES Live” TV program continues to be a huge success. We continue to provide other student leadership opportunities with our Safety Patrol, Student Council and Friendly Helpers.

In a continuing effort to promote school wide positive student behavior, we have transitioned to the ten IB Learner Profiles as part of our positive behavior program called “C.O.O.L. Cats.” Our art teachers, Ms. Spires worked with our students to develop and maintain our IB bulletin boards in the main hallway. Through our daily announcements, children are reminded to exhibit the Learner Traits in all they say and do. To support our Learner Traits we provide a “C.O.O.L. Cat” certificate and recognition on LES Live and a snow cone party for selected students that display that month’s trait.

LES students and staff participated in a variety of community service projects in 2019-2020. Fifth grade students volunteered in the special needs classes throughout the year. Throughout the school year, student and staff have actively raised money for Relay for Life. LES was recognized as one of the top schools in Lexington One in RFL donations.

Teachers at LES received recognition for their outstanding work. Kristen Williams was selected as LES Teacher of the Year and Rayna Brandes was selected as LES Support Professional of the Year. Special education teacher, April Hughey, received a Project Unify grant to promote the acceptance and recognition of special education students in the school and community. She also led students and staff in the “Polar Bear Plunge” as part of the Special Olympics program.

What an awesome year at LES!

Dr. Timothy J. Carnahan, Principal
Ron Williams, SIC Chairperson

LES School Improvement Annual Goals for 2019/2020:

1. Submit Professional Development Plan to support our staff in incorporating the Workshop Model in writing.
2. Provide a safe and secure learning environment.
3. Increase student achievement in reading and math.

2020 South Carolina Annual School Report Card Summary (short form)

<https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/state-report-cards/2017/view/?y=2017&t=E&D=3201&s=007>



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