

Strategic Plan Executive Summary of Needs Assessment Data Findings

School: Pelion Elementary School

2019-2020

Pelion Elementary is dedicated to helping all students develop the world-class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by creating an exceptional educational environment that will ensure our students' success in school and in life. We understand the knowledge, skills, leadership potential and competencies acquired now will be the foundation for future success. This year, we continued to focus on developing the whole child, as we continued to work on building leadership skills, developing self-directed learners and fostering intrinsic motivation. Our school has devoted staff of teachers who are dedicated to student success. Using world-class skills such as creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication in our professional learning community, we use formative and summative data to set goals, monitor students' progress and celebrate student successes at various times throughout the year. Our school-based literacy and math coaches help our teachers implement best practices in literacy and math instruction through student-centered coaching and school based professional development. The use of innovative programs such as, *First in Math*, *eSpark* and *Lexia* has given us the ability to individualize learning and challenge every student. The certified STEM teacher and well-established STEM lab provide engaging and enriching hands-on activities for our students. Pelion Elementary School is a Coding Immersion School with *Code to the Future*. All students in kindergarten through fifth grade are learning to code through the programs *Scratch*, *LEGO Robotics* and *Minecraft*.

Our RTI model meets each learner where he/she is and then provides the instruction tailored to the identified needs to help all students achieve their individual goals both in the classroom setting with a push-in model, as well as a pull-out model in a small group setting. Pelion Elementary School is dedicated to providing the instruction and services that our students need in order to close the achievement gap. The school received a Summer Reading Community Partnership Grant from the South Carolina Department of Education. During June and July of 2019, the summer reading program provided individualized and small group instruction to students who were at least one year below grade level in reading, which enabled excellent growth for students by closing achievement in reading. For the 2019-2020 school year, we continued to provide research-based interventions for students with deficits in reading and mathematics through a grant funded after-school program for third through fifth grade students who are in need of additional academic support. Looking forward, we plan to continue to use the grant that funded the after school program by providing a more individual approach to student learning in addition to our day to day RTI program, professional developments, and deeper thinking in analyzing data by developing a data driven mindset on our campus. We have maintained a partnership with local businesses, such as IGA, BB&T, Golden State Foods and the

Lexington County Public Library. We continue to strive to build strong partnerships with parents and community members, as we strengthen these partnerships by using the *All Pro Dads*, *iMoms* and a *21st Century Leadership Framework* training for parents and students. These partnerships provide parents with the opportunities and resources to help their child with life and career characteristics that give them a global perspective and help develop the whole child. We will continue our partnership with Pelion High School to assign student mentors for our elementary students. These high school mentors read individually with students and volunteer to read aloud to classrooms. Moreover, we have developed a mentor program within our school, which allows for elementary age students to read to and mentor our primary age students. Pelion Elementary School continues to implement *LIFESKILLS and Lifelong Guidelines* into our school's 21st Century Leadership Model by offering curriculum and promoting a school culture of leadership. The implementation of these principles has helped to reinforce our social and emotional mission to inspire each student to become a lifelong learner and leader. Through this process, students participate in career awareness opportunities, *Jump Rope for Heart*, *PES Youth Running Club*, *PES Archery team* and canned food drives. These civic opportunities lead students in developing teamwork skills that foster an awareness of the whole child and prepares him or her for the 21st century. At Pelion Elementary, we believe the school, family, and community all play a major role in shaping the lives of our youth, and, together, we are developing our future South Carolina graduates and world class leaders.