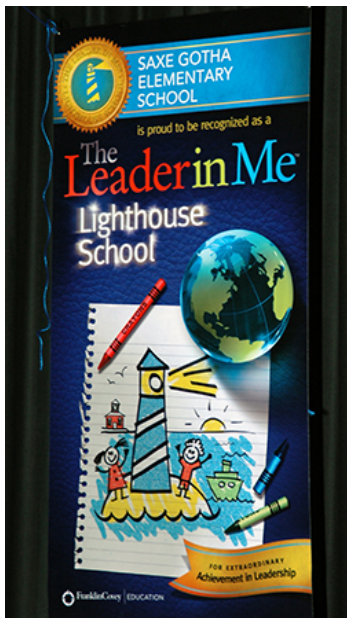




South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual *Report to the Parents* highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

SGES School Improvement Council Members

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| Beth Houck, Principal | Eric Liles, Parent | Lauren Swicegood, Title One |
| Chip Spradley, Assistant Principal | Jan Wise, Boys and Girls Clubs | Jill Chapman, Teacher |
| Janet Ricard, Assistant Administrator | Jason Brothers, Teacher | Heather Beck, PTO |
| Kari Zwisle, Parent | Becky Barringer, Title One | Cindy Geanangel, Title One |
| Andy Newell, Community Member | Amy Marz, Title One | Tracey Wooten, Teacher |
| Christine Matthews, Parent | Fred Tate, Community Member | |



Mission Statement

Creating a thirst for discovery and achievement by developing creative, compassionate and responsible young leaders.

Vision Statement

By nurturing the mind, body and spirit today, we will create the leaders and thinkers of tomorrow.

Motto

Through learning and leading, I WILL change our world.

School-Wide Theme and Goals

Living, Learning, Leading

Along with Lexington County School District One, we are committed to enriching the lives of our students through the *LexLeads, LexLearns and LexLives* model.

Reading and Mathematics MAP results are listed below in terms of the percent of students who met their growth targets.

MAP Fall 2012--Spring 2013 Percent Meeting Target

Grade Level	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Grade 2	53.8	69.3
Grade 3	64.4	59.5
Grade 4	63.2	76.7
Grade 5	69.3	74.5

LexLeads: We are growing leaders through implementation of "The Leader in Me" program.

LexLearns: We are preparing students through innovative school curriculum and 21st century tools for work and learning.

LexLives: We strive to keep our students healthy through integrated health and wellness services.

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for School Year 2011-2012**

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2012–2013

- Student-led conferences are conducted twice a year. Students explain their goals, both personal and academic, to their parents. They then guide their parents through their progress.
- We are completing our third year as a “Leader in Me” school with a school-wide implementation of Stephen Covey’s *7 Habits for Highly Effective People*. It emphasizes 21st century leadership skills for all students.
- The Response to Intervention program continues to assist students who fail to meet grade-level criteria for academic success.
- All students hold either a classroom leadership role or a school leadership role. Sample roles are Safety Patrol, Postmasters, Guidance Assistants, Messenger, Lunch Count Taker, Pencil Sharpener, Supplies Gatherer, Lunchroom Assistants, Ambassadors, and Student Council Members.
- SGEs purchased technology, such as iPads, iPods and personal GPS devices, to broaden the scope of learning for our students and enhance technology skills they will need as 21st century employees.
- Our three computer labs are open to students before school begins each morning to allow additional time for reinforcement and enrichment of mathematics and reading skills.
- A STEM lab has been created to promote learning in science and mathematics.
- Special Education Teachers Barbara Jolley and Kelli Liles received a Project Unify grant for Special Olympics.
- A student-led morning news program was implemented to keep students and staff informed of current events at the school.
- Our mathematics and literacy coaches facilitate training for teachers on mathematics and literacy curriculum (respectively), offer classroom assistance, and conduct reinforcement and enrichment activities for students.

Awards and Accomplishments

- Saxe Gotha Elementary was named the 41st Leader in Me Lighthouse School in the World.
- Saxe Gotha Elementary was recognized as one of 14 South Carolina Title One Reward Schools for Progress for 2012.
- Saxe Gotha Elementary was the state runner up for South Carolina Title One Reward School for Progress for 2012.
- Saxe Gotha Elementary was awarded a Palmetto Silver Award because the school’s absolute performance rating was above “School At Risk” for the most recent year, and the growth index has been 92.20 or greater for four consecutive years.

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