



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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Janet Ricard, Assistant Principal  
Roy Turner, Assistant Principal  
Tracey Wooten, Teacher  
Sharon Barkley, Grandparent  
Leland Cave, Parent  
Judy Garner, Parent  
Jill Lovett, Parent

Randi McAbee, Parent  
Sharon Morris, Parent  
Rosalin Sturkie, Parent  
Melissa Taylor, Parent  
Chanta Zeigler, Parent  
Jan Wise, Boys and Girls Club  
Andy Newell, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church

### 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.

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

**LexLearns:** We are preparing students through innovative school curriculum and 21<sup>st</sup> century tools for work and learning.

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



### Report Card Ratings for School Year 2015

*Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.*

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Reading and Math MAP results are listed below in terms of the percent of students who met projected growth:

### MAP 2015–2016 Percent Meeting Projected Growth

Grade Level	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Kindergarten	64	51
Grade 1	22	56
Grade 2	56	36
Grade 3	43	54
Grade 4	44	51
Grade 5	49	44

### A special thank you to our Business and Community partners:

Michelin	NewSpring Church
Food Lion	Columbia Martial Arts
Sonic	Sweet Frog
Wendy's	Bojangles
Saint James Lutheran	Mt. Horeb United Methodist
Red Bank United Methodist	State Farm
Lexington United Methodist	Pasttime Pavilion
Lowe's	Menchie's

### Progress on Goals for 2015-2016

- We continue to be a Leader in Me Lighthouse School and continue our school-wide implementation of Stephen Covey's 7 *Habits for Highly Effective People*. It emphasizes 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership skills for all students.
- Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) and Leader in Me teams worked together to combine our PBIS system and Leader in Me initiative into LEAD (Live Respectfully, Engage Responsibly, Act Safely and Dream Big).
- The entire school gathers monthly for a LEAD rally where students, staff, and community members are recognized for practicing the 7 Habits and outstanding leadership efforts. The integration of the PBIS-Positive Behavior Intervention Support program and Leader in Me took place this year.
- A Spring Leadership Day is held for community members and visitors from other schools to observe and experience the implementation of Leader in Me at SGE.
- 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.
- The Response to Intervention program continues to assist students who fail to meet grade-level criteria for academic success. This was the fourth year of implementing the Extended Day RTI program where students in grade 3-5 are served after school rather than during the school day so they receive full core instruction in the classroom during the day and extra assistance after school.
- All students hold a leadership role within their classroom or within the school. Students displaying exceptional character and leadership qualities are given responsibilities such as: Garden Team, Lighthouse Team, LEAD Rally Team, Recycling Team, Snack Pack Team, and Breakfast Buddies.
- Technology, such as iPads, iPods and personal GPS devices are used to broaden the scope of learning for our students and enhance technology skills they will need as 21<sup>st</sup> century employees.
- Computer labs are open to students before school begins each morning to allow additional time for reinforcement and enrichment of math and reading skills.
- Our math and literacy coaches facilitate training for teachers on math and literacy curriculum (respectively), offer classroom assistance, and conduct reinforcement and enrichment activities for students.
- Professional development for teachers and staff through organizations such as The National Paideia Center, Franklin Covey, and Teacher's College.

### Awards and Accomplishments:

- Palmetto Silver for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Palmetto Gold for General Performance
- Target Field Trip Grant \$700
- Rawls Farm Grant \$500
- Eight Donors Choose Grants Totaling \$1932
- Project Unify Grant for Special Olympics \$250
- Michelin Grant for Art \$250



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