

## Principal's Message

I am so very proud to serve as principal of Batesburg-Leesville High School. I began my career here twenty-five years ago as an English Teacher and I am so happy that my educational path has brought me back here.

Batesburg-Leesville High School is a very special place serving very special young people. The majority of our students are involved in some sort of extra-curricular activity in addition to working hard in their classes each and everyday.

Our faculty and staff has worked diligently this year to increase the rigor in every classroom. To assist students with this, we implemented an hour lunch called Half-time that allows time for eating but also for students to get extra help from their teachers.

Our teachers are committed to the use of technology in their classrooms to make learning more interactive and relevant for students.

Finally, we have spent much time this year embracing our tradition and making sure that the Panther Spirit is alive and well at BLHS! GO PANTHERS!

Sonya M. Bryant,  
Principal  
Batesburg-Leesville High School

### 2017-2018 School Improvement Council

Christy Dawkins - Parent  
Sean Cahill - Parent  
Patrick Ward - Community  
Lynne Cade - Community  
Angie Kirkland - Community  
Cynthia Etheredge - Community  
Jaya Drafts - Student  
Beth Ann Puryear - Student  
Paul Spence - Teacher of the Year  
Jonathan Robinson - Teacher  
Marshall Harvey - Teacher

Sonya Bryant - Principal (ex officio)



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## Annual Report to the Community 2017-2018



**Sonya M. Bryant,**  
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Assistant Principal  
for Instruction

# School Report Card

## 2017 Report Card

- 89.4 Four Year Graduation Rate
- 91.2 Five Year Graduation Rate
- 26% Seniors eligible for Palmetto Fellows/Life Scholarship
- 15.7 ACT Composite
- 994 Average on SAT

## STRATEGIC GOALS

### 2017-2018 School Renewal Goals

- By 2035, 90% of Lexington Three Students will graduate College and Career Ready by exposing more students to rigorous College and Career Ready opportunities.
- By 2035, 90% of students will score a Level 2 or higher on ELA and Math End-of-Course exams by creating a more rigorous classroom environment and supporting at-risk students.
- By 2035, 70% of English learners will achieve annual progress in English by the end of the 5th year in the EL program through supports for English Learners.

## ★ BLHS ★ Points of Pride

- Two cohorts of e21 Dual Enrollment students with Midlands Technical College
- 1 of 16 schools in SC to offer the AP Capstone Program
- Panther Band finished 4th in the State Competition
- All Athletic Teams have made the playoffs
- Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Track and Girls Soccer were all Region Champions
- AVID has been implemented school-wide
- To date 3292 student intervention sessions have been held this year during half-time
- A senior was named to all-state chorus
- Numerous athletes were named all-state and all-region
- Students are being offered multiple advanced placement course offerings
- JROTC received the Distinguished Unit Award
- A student received Google Certification