#### **PURPOSE**

Preparing Students for the Future...Now!

The direction of Lexington County School District 3 is to develop learners with a world class education to prepare them to become future leaders and contributors in a global community.

### Batesburg-Leesville Middle School Beliefs

- All individuals are unique and have value.
- Learning is the ability to think critically and creatively.
- Instruction should relate to real life experiences and should provide for different learning styles and abilities.
- A qualified and effective staff is essential in establishing academic excellence.
- Parents, educators, students, and community members must be active partners in a successful educational process.
- The educational and social atmosphere should promote support for and appreciation of all students.
- A safe, caring, respectful, and disciplined environment is necessary for learning.

#### **School Statistics**

Total School Population: 449

Females: 212 Males: 237

White: 217 African-American: 145

Hispanic: 70 Other: 17

Average Daily Attendance: 93%

Free/Reduced Lunch: NA

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#### 2021-2022

## School Improvement Council Members

- Sharah Clark, Principal
- Jay Hendrix, Chair
- Carla Spires
- Rhonda Rose
- Cherlyn Anderson
- Jamie Gartman
- Lauren Watson
- Maggee Ellis
- Porshia Davis
- Cindy Bartolec
- Roy Frick, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Rhonda Rose

BLMS Teacher of the Year

2021-2022



## BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2021-2022

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Principal's Message: BLMS continues to implement AVID School wide Strategies, such as WICOR strategies and Focused Note Taking in all classes. This is the sixth year of offering students the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective class to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. This curriculum trains teachers to use instructional practices that prepare students for high school, college and careers. This is also the sixth full school year of 1:1 Chromebook technology for students-every student in grades 6-8 receives a Chromebook. BLMS offers Algebra 1, English 1, and Spanish 1 for high school credit. Personalized Competency Based Learning has been implemented school wide. This focuses on meeting students where they are and growing them to meet the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate. BLMS Band received a Superior Rating at this year's CPA performance as well as 11 individuals receiving a Superior rating for Sola and Ensemble and 5 receiving an Excellent rating. Students participated in Hour of Code Activities and AVID College and Career Day. The BLMS Jr. Beta Club has led the school with several community service projects. The BLMS Student Council leads the school with service projects and academic projects. Continuing programs include: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Club Day, Baseball, Soccer, and Softball. The BLMS Junior Beta Club has been recognized as a School of Merit for 2018, 2019, and 2021. BLMS had 3 students qualify as Junior Scholars. We are most proud of our Initial Designation of a Nation Forum for Middle Grades Reform School To Watch.

Sharah Clark, BLMS Principal

## 2019-2020 School Renewal Plan 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 on
  SC Ready (MAP correlation for primary)
  or EOC by creating a more rigorous
  classroom environment and supporting atrisk 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.
- By 2023, the percent of stakeholders satisfied with the social and physical environment on the EOC survey will increase by 1.5 percentage points a year to 95% for parents and 100% for teachers through facility upgrades and meeting students' social needs.
- By 2023, the percentage of stakeholders satisfied with the home/school relations on the EOC survey will increase by 2 percentage points each year to (4% annually) 85% Parents and 90% Teachers.
- By 2023, 100% of certified staff will obtain the Read to Succeed requirements.
- By 2023, increase the percent of teachers who strongly agree there are relevant professional development opportunities offered to teachers as measured by the EOC survey.
- By 2023, the district will increase the percent of teachers retained by 1% annually to 95%.

Other Awards and Activities

BLMS was designated a National Forum for Middle Grades Reform School to Watch in January 2020!

- The BLMS Chorus performed local shows at the FAC as well as performed at BLMS Veterans Day and Black History Month assemblies.
- The BLMS Band participated at SC Solo Ensemble Festival and Concert Festivals as well as performing in Veterans Day and Black History Month programs.
- Grade levels competed in a team building Winter Spirit Week to promote positive morale.
- Eligible students competed at the 2021 and 2022 Special Olympics and State House Rally.
- Students participated in Problem Based Learning (PBL) Activities.
- The BLMS Media Center has a MakerSpace with creative and STEM based activities.
- Students are able to participate Hour of Code activities with BLES students.
- All BLMS students participated in Club Day.