

Pendleton High School

Annual Report to Parents

2017-2018

Pendleton High School has many highlights to share from the 2017-2018 school year. The entire Pendleton High School community has continued to strive for academic excellence during the past school year. All of the stakeholders that are involved with PHS and Anderson District 4 make student achievement our top priority.

### **High Schools That Work (HSTW)**

Pendleton High School is a member of the Southern Region Education Board High Schools That Work network. This reform model is the platform that we use to ensure that we use research-proven strategies to help our students excel. This year we continued focused on two of the 10 key practices. They were raising rigor in the classroom and extra-help. The school spent time this year recruiting underrepresented groups into taking Advanced Placement classes. We are one of only 1% of all schools nationwide that have attained AP equity. This means that our Advanced Placement population matches our overall student population. The staff understands that these students might need extra-help to be successful and plans were put in place to provide extra-help. An AP Ramp up was added during the summer to provide some students with a boost before the school year started.

### **One to World Initiative**

This year the staff development emphasis at Pendleton High School was focused on enhancing our one to one computing environment. Teachers continue to use the Google applications platform, as well as a multitude of online applications that only serve to enhance the learning environment at Pendleton. All PHS students were again issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year for their instructional use. The instructional focus of this school year was in the use of the Google Classroom learning management system. All teachers used Google Classroom with all of their students. Teachers also focused on increasing the student engagement with their devices.

### **Student Achievement**

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and our school. On the South Carolina School Report Card, Pendleton High School received an Absolute Rating of Excellent. PHS was also recognized by US News and World Report for being one of the top 25 high schools in South Carolina. Career and Technology programs continue to excel. Pendleton High School met all of the Perkins Indicators for the

current school year. The CATE department also won several state championships in FFA, HOSA, and FCCLA. The Career and Tech depart also awarded national level certifications to many students.

Pendleton High School continues to work on maintaining a learning environment where all students can be successful. We believe that the education of the whole child is our most important job, and we strive to provide each student with a personalized learning experience. We are very proud of the students in our school and the community that we serve. We will continue to work to ensure that they receive the very best education possible.