

**2017-2018
School Improvement Council**

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Vision Statement

We envision a welcoming school that provides an atmosphere in which students are motivated to learn. With the support of the community, instruction is enhanced to meet the academic and developmental needs of each student. James M. Brown Elementary School empowers children to positively impact the world in which they live.



Belief Statements

We believe that...

- ◆ Education is a lifelong process.
- ◆ Education will provide opportunities for students to learn to communicate effectively, solve problems, think critically and display their creativity.
- ◆ Students will utilize resources that will prepare them for our evolving technological society.
- ◆ All students will learn and achieve academic success within a secure environment.
- ◆ Students are the center of the education process and will accept the responsibility to be actively engaged in the learning process.
- ◆ Parents and guardians will accept the responsibility to actively support the learning process.
- ◆ The educational process will be valued and supported by the local community.
- ◆ All individuals will be treated with dignity and respect.

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Report to the People



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of James M. Brown Elementary School is to develop lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible, and honest citizens by providing meaningful educational experiences for all students.

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Dear Parents,

This Report is issued by the James M. Brown Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year. This report is distributed to all James M. Brown Elementary students, parents/ guardians, the district office, and the Oconee County Board of Trustees. In addition, copies can be found in the main office.

If you have questions about the information summarized or about JMB, please call Ashley S. Robertson, Principal, at 886-4470 or email at arobertson@goconee.k12.sc.us.



The cat from Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat* makes annual visits to our classrooms to read books.

JMB Curricular Goals for 2017-2018

James M. Brown Elementary continues to review, revise, and improve our school plan in order to strive for excellence. The following are key areas of focus and implementation for us this year:

Literacy in all classrooms - We continue to emphasize literacy in all classrooms. We provide ongoing professional development on strategies and resources on programs such as Fountas and Pinnell, The Daily Five, The Café Book, guided reading, small group instruction, and John Collins Thinking and Writing Program.

Using data to drive instruction - We continue to analyze and utilize data from school, district, and state assessments such as SC READY, PASS, MAP, and other various classroom and school level programs.

Implementing Technology - We continue to utilize technology as an instructional tool by purchasing Chromebooks, laptops, interactive panels, and other various technology items for classrooms and student learning.

Interventions and Enrichment - We continue to provide intervention teachers to work with students in the areas of reading and math. In addition, all students receive an enrichment period during the school day to further individualize instruction.

Spanish - All students in PreK-5th grade receive at least one day of Spanish instruction for 45 minutes from a Spanish certified teacher. Some students also receive individualized instruction through Rosetta Stone.

JMB Information for 2017-2018

Grades: PreK-5th grade
Enrollment: 635 students
Average Pupil to Teacher Ratio: 18 to 1
Students Served Free/Reduced Lunch: 77%
Average Daily Attendance: 94%

Ethnicity Breakdown of JMB

White	74%
Hispanic/Latino	21%
Two or More races	2%
Black or African American	2%

JMB School and Student Celebrations

National Beta Club School of Merit
Jet Toy team placed 3rd in district
Participation in Math Madness
Participation in Future Chef
Team participation in Battle of the Books
Student placed 2nd in district essay contest
Selected to house traditional beehive box and apiary for the district
Raised over \$7500 for American Heart Assoc.
Held three family nights with high attendance
Partnership with Clemson Hope
Title 1 School

