

**2016-2017
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.

**James M. Brown
Elementary School**

**2016-2017
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:

As a requirement of Act 135, schools are required to develop a comprehensive five year plan which conveys how the school plans to provide appropriate academic services to all students. 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 and media center of James M. Brown Elementary. This report summarizes our goals at JMB while also highlighting the accomplishments of our school and students.

If you have questions about the information summarized here, please call Ashley S. Robertson, Principal, at 886-4470 or email at arobertson@oconee.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 2016-2017

James M. Brown Elementary continues to review, revise, and improve our school plan in order to strive for excellence. For the 2016-2017 school year, the following are implemented:

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, High Progress Literacy strategies, 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-wide, district-wide, and state-wide 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 iPads, Chromebooks, laptops, student desktops, and other various technology items for classrooms.

Interventions and Enrichment—We continue to provide an intervention teacher at each grade level to work with students in the area of reading and math. In addition, all students receive an enrichment period during the school day to further individualize instruction.

STEM Instruction—We provide specialized instruction in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics through a STEM lab in grades 3, 4, and 5 and in classrooms K-5.

JMB Facts and Information

Grades: PreK-5th grade
Enrollment: 650 students
Average Pupil to Teacher Ratio: 17 to 1
Students Served Free/Reduced Lunch: 82%
Average Daily Attendance: 92%

Ethnicity Breakdown of JMB

White	71%
Hispanic/Latino	22%
Two or More races	3%
Black or African American	3%
American Indian	1%

JMB School and Student Celebrations 2016-2017

Palmetto Silver Recipient
Title 1 Reward School of Performance
National Beta Club School of Merit
Jet Toy team placed 3rd in district
Numerous students placed in Math Madness
Participation in Future Chef
Team placed 2nd in Battle of the Books
Student placed 2nd in district essay contest
Selected to house traditional bee hive box
Raised over \$7000 for American Cancer Society
Held four family nights with attendance over 400

