

Buena Vista Elementary School Strategic Planning

2018-19 through 2022-23

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Stakeholder Involvement for School Renewal

	Position	<u>Name</u>
1.	Principal	Dave E. Burgess
2.	Teacher	Cassie Anderson
3.	Parent/Guardian	Melissa Bache, Tiffany Whitney
4.	Community Member	Julia Lewis
5.	Paraprofessional	N/A
6.	School Improvement Council Member	Michelle Willis
7.	Read to Succeed Reading Coach	Joanne Arnett
8.	School Read To Succeed Literacy Leadership Team	Lead Joanne Arnett
9.	School Read To Succeed Literacy Leadership Team	Member Anna Dovle, Donna Hubbard

OTHERS (May include school board members, district or school administrators, students, PTO members, agency representatives, university partners, Head Start representatives, First Step representatives, etc.) ** Must include the School Literacy Leadership Team for Read to Succeed

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
School Improvement Council Member	Michelle Willis, Chair
Special Education Teacher	Cassie Anderson
Kindergarten Teacher /20-21 Teacher of the Year	Jessie Wolfinger
PTA President	Melissa Bache
PTAMember	TiffanyWhitney
Assistant Principal	Kristen McFadden

*REMINDER: If state or federal grant applications require representation by other stakeholder groups, it is appropriate to include additional stakeholders to meet those requirements and to ensure that the plans are aligned.

		ildhood Development and Academic Assistance Act (Act 135) Assurances e Ann §59-139-10 et seq. (Supp. 2004))
O Ye	o	Academic Assistance, PreK-3 The school makes special efforts to assist children in PreK-3 who demonstrate a need for extra or alternative instructional attention (e.g., after-school homework help centers, individual tutoring, and group remediation).
Ye	o	Academic Assistance, Grades 4–12 The school makes special efforts to assist children in grades 4–12 who demonstrate a need for extra or alternative instructional attention (e.g., after-school homework help centers, individual tutoring, and group remediation).
Ye No	es o /A	Parent Involvement The school encourages and assists parents in becoming more involved in their children's education. Some examples of parental involvement initiatives include making special efforts to meet with parents at times more convenient for them; providing parents with their child's individual test results and an interpretation of the results; providing parents with information on the district's curriculum and assessment program; providing frequent, two way communication between home and school; providing parents an opportunity to participate on decision making groups; designating space in schools for parents to access educational resource materials; including parent involvement expectations as part of the principal's and superintendent's evaluations; and providing parents with information pertaining to expectations held for them by the school system, such as ensuring attendance and punctuality of their children.
O Ye	es o	Staff Development The school provides staff development training for teachers and administrators in the teaching techniques and strategies needed to implement the school/district plan for the improvement of student academic performance. The staff development program reflects requirements of Act 135, the EAA, and the National Staff Development Council's revised Standards for Staff Development.
O NO	О	Technology The school integrates technology into professional development, curriculum development, and classroom instruction to improve teaching and learning.
Ye	o	Innovation The school uses innovation funds for innovative activities to improve student learning and accelerate the performance of all students.
O No	0	Collaboration The school (regardless of the grades served) collaborates with health and human services agencies (e.g., county health departments, social services departments, mental health departments, First Steps, and the family court system).
O No	es o	Developmental Screening The school ensures that the young child receives all services necessary for growth and development. Instruments are used to assess physical, social, emotional, linguistic, and cognitive developmental levels. This program normally is appropriate at primary and elementary schools, although screening efforts could take place at any location.
O Ye	О	Half-Day Child Development The school provides half-day child development programs for four-year-olds (some districts fund full-day programs). The programs usually function at primary and elementary schools. However, they may be housed at locations with other grade levels or completely separate from schools.
O Ye	o	Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum for PreK-3 The school ensures that the scope and sequence of the curriculum for PreK-3 are appropriate for the maturation levels of students. Instructional practices accommodate individual differences in maturation level and take into account the student's social and cultural context.

⊙○○	Yes No N/A	Parenting and Family Literacy The school provides a four component program that integrates all of the following activities: interactive literacy activities between parents and their children (Interactive Literacy Activities); training for parents regarding how to be the primary teachers for their children and how to be full partners in the education of their children (parenting skills for adults, parent education); parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency (adult education); and an age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences (early childhood education). Family Literacy is not grade specific, but is generally most appropriate for parents of children at the primary and elementary school levels and below as well as for secondary school students who are parents. Family Literacy program goals are to strengthen parental involvement in the learning process of preschool children ages birth through five years; to promote school readiness of preschool children; to offer parents special opportunities to improve their literacy skills and education; to provide parents a chance to recover from dropping out of school; and to identify potential developmental delays in preschool children by offering developmental screening.
000	Yes No N/A	Recruitment The district makes special and intensive efforts to recruit and give priority to serving those parents or guardians of children, ages birth through five years, who are considered at-risk of school failure. "At-risk children are defined as those whose school readiness is jeopardized by any of, but not limited to, the following personal or family situation(s): parent without a high school graduation or equivalency, poverty, limited English proficiency, significant developmental delays, instability or inadequate basic capacity within the home and/or family, poor health (physical, mental, emotional) and/or child abuse and neglect.
0 0	Yes No N/A	Coordination of Act 135 Initiatives with Other Federal, State, and District Programs The district ensures as much program effectiveness as possible by developing a district-wide/school-wide coordinated effort among all programs and funding. Act 135 initiatives are coordinated with programs such as Head Start, First Steps, Title I, and programs for students with disabilities.

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INTRODUCTION

The self-study process for this year's renewal began in February 2018 at Buena Vista. Our first step was to share general information with the staff. In early March, the staff began work to review the Portfolio Action Plan within their grade level teams and their goal-based teams. Buena Vista has five goal teams: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and School Quality. Each goal team is designed to have representation from all grade levels and from our specialists' team. A final step was to gather "next step" suggestions and ideas from each staff member though a brainstorming/Needs Assessment meeting in April. In addition, information was shared and input was gathered from our PTA Board members and our SIC (School Improvement Council) members.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Greenville County Schools (GCS) is widely recognized as a leader in public education. More than half of all teachers (57%) have a Master's Degree or higher in their field. Greenville is known for its cultural diversity and its support of the fine arts. Buena Vista, one of 52 elementary schools in The School District of Greenville County, is a public, suburban school which serves kindergarten through grade five. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in Greenville County is the largest operating PTA unit in the state of South Carolina raising more than \$3 million annually for Greenville County students. Buena Vista is extremely fortunate to have an active and involved parent/teachers' association. The school was built in 1984 and currently houses 814 students and 47 full-time and 10 part-time-time instructional staff members. In addition, we have 7 staff members serving students as para-professionals. Buena Vista Elementary is located in Greer, South Carolina

Instructional and organizational priorities at Buena Vista Elementary focus on the needs of developing lifelong learners and creating a school-wide culture of literacy. Following the tenets of Continuous Improvement and Total Quality Education teachers implement student learning goals and objectives. They also track student data and growth using quality tools such as lotus diagrams, consensograms, and affinity diagrams to assist in maximizing student learning. A balanced literacy program encourages direct reading instruction, student self-selected reading, writing instruction and practice with vocabulary development utilizing the Fountas and Pinnell reading delivery system. Examples of technology integration can be seen in every classroom at every grade level. Student Response Systems, Promethean Boards, iPads, laptops and chrome books are available and are used throughout the building at all grade levels. These all encourage students and teachers alike to use technology as a tool to increase student engagement, to offer opportunities for personalized, differentiated learning and to increase academic success. In addition, we are in year 4 as a participating school in the Discovery Education's Digital Leadership Corps Pilot, a personalized Learning Initiative from the district to learn how to maximize instructional opportunities integrating technology effectively in the classroom. Science instruction is driven by district science kits which are closely aligned to

state science standards. We are fortunate to be able to offer our student a staffed STEAM lab to supplement science instruction and to heighten natural curiosity.

Assessment is developed according to the South Carolina Career and College Readiness Standards for Kindergarten through fifth grade in all subject areas. Our Discipline Committee implemented a new school-wide behavior system that will be effective for all of our school community.

Each year the staff reviews the school's long-range plans to determine areas of strength and needed emphasis in our curriculum. By analyzing students' performance on standardized tests, (Iowa Test of Basic Skills, ACT Aspire, SC Ready, MAP, the Palmetto Achievement of State Standards Test and MasteryConnect, we are able to identify areas of need and can set grade-level-specific and school-wide academic goals. The administration and instructional coach guide the staff through a review of the long-range plan each spring in order to plan for the following school year. The entire staff is trained in the Fountas and Pinnell balanced literacy delivery system and in the Lucy Calkins writing model. We have made every effort to address the needs of our identified subgroups and have strategies in place to assist students of all ability levels to maximize their academic potential. As a result, Buena Vista has received a state absolute report card grade of Excellent in multiple years in recent history. Our school has consistently maintained strong student achievement scores on the state PASS assessments and have been consistently recognized by the state department as a Gold award winner. Buena Vista typically is a leader the district in the achievement scores for Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies on SC Ready and PASS. The staff and administration, working together, have made a concerted effort to focus on the improvement of our subgroup achievement scores especially with the Disabled, Subsidized, and African-American categories of students.

The Buena Vista staff see themselves as professional and passionate educators. In 2020-2021, we look forward to maintaining our goal of highly qualified personnel. Our planned professional development will be directly aligned to student achievement and teacher professional desires. We recognize our staff consistency as a strength in our program and appreciate that our small number of new hires will allow us to enhance our cohesive unit where curriculum development and delivery remain the focus. In July 2017, Buena Vista welcomed a new Principal, Mr. Dave Burgess. He comes to us with years of administrative experience, and he considers collaboration and shared leadership a key to success. In addition, we have added on an additional Assistant Principal.

Our school climate continues to improve. All staff consider their safety and the safety of the students as paramount. In this year's state report card survey, one hundred percent of the staff responded that they felt safe at school. We look forward to maintaining this level of secure environment since we are already at or above district expectation.

Areas of concern with the age of the school facility and its condition continue to be an issue as a need for storage in classrooms to assist students with organization exists. No classrooms in the central building have built-in student cubbies or built in bookshelves for classroom libraries. We have invested in new classroom furniture, but there is still room for improvement regarding classroom storage

Significant honors in recent years have included the state department of education report card status of "A" for federal accountability, Gold award for achievement, and an Excellent rating for Academic Achievement and for Preparing Students for Success.

Our school has continued to improve technologically. Due to a very successful extended day program, supportive PTA, and an enrichment program, special facility upgrades have been made. Our vision is to maintain a 1:1 status so that every student has equal access to an individual learning tool. Towards this vision, our school participated in a personalized learning pilot program with the district and with Discovery Education. Through this pilot program, we were able to put a Chromebook in the hands of every student in grades 3-5. Additionally, through innovative use of student activity funds we were able to provide Chromebooks for every student in grade K-2. We currently own six 3-D printers, and we are excited to say that most of our students were able to create a file in Tinker Cad and were able to print their object with the 3-D Printers this year.

Our building is designed with clusters of classrooms placed in close proximity to each other. Currently, each cluster houses one grade level of classes. This allows grade level teaching teams to plan and teach together. Students move in flexible groups between classrooms, based on their demonstrated needs for enrichment or remediation in specific skills and subject. The classroom environments are designed to nurture and enhance a child's natural curiosity and desire to learn through small group interaction, research projects, technology integration and the encouragement of student leadership and responsibility. All work is taught based on the State Standards but allows students to work at their developmental and demonstrated proficiency levels.

SCHOOL PROFILE -

The Community of Greer, South Carolina

The city of Greer, population 30,000+, is situated between the cities of Greenville and Spartanburg. The community from which Buena Vista draws is situated on the outskirts of Greer, a suburb of Greenville, South Carolina. This is a community that has seen tremendous growth and change over the last decade due to growth of business and industry. There has been a surge in neighborhood development as a result.

The community offers many resources and strengths. Greenville County is home to Furman University, Greenville Technical College, North Greenville University, and Bob Jones University. There is also a large university center that offers classes from major state universities. These institutions provide pre-service teacher

preparation and ongoing professional development support. The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport and the Greenville Municipal Jetport service this area.

Greenville is known for its cultural diversity and its support of the fine arts. The South Carolina Governor's School for Fine Arts and Humanities is located in Greenville. The students of Buena Vista benefit from a variety of experiences provided by the Peace Center for Performing Arts, the Greenville County Library System, and The Greenville County History Museum and the Museum of Art.

Buena Vista is extremely fortunate to have an active and involved parent/teacher association. The PTA maintains several programs at our school such as Backpack Buddies, Scholastic News or other grade-level publications, and Bobcat Brainbuilders which is a parent-staffed tutoring program. Buena Vista volunteers work in the office, the health room, and the media center. They raise funds for our school through a variety of ways. Our PTA is an award winning organization. The PTA plays an integral part in Buena Vista's success.

The following shows our current School-Community Plan from a typical year. This gives us an excellent opportunity to build community support and to cultivate our school identity.



School-Community Plan

Broaden Support. Cultivate Identity

School Identity: Someplace Special

Message Points: Technology, PBLs, multiage learning environments, afterschool enrichment programs, STEM and STEAM instrcutional opportunities

Activities	Audience(s)	Person(s) Responsible	Date(s)	Indicator(s) of Success
Kindergarten Parent Orientation	Parents of incoming K5 students	Admin/K5 teachers	August 15	attendance
Kindergarten PopIn Preview	Parents and student from our incoming K5 group	K5 Teachers, administration, Guidance Counselors, and PTA members	May 2019	Event introducing incoming kindergarteners to visit our school to reduce first day anxiety
Meet the Teacher	Parents and students	Administration	August 16	Turnout by folders taken
Open House	Parents and students	Teachers/ PTA	Sept 10 - 11	attendance

New Parent	New parents	Administration	August 20	attendance	
Orientations West	C	and SIC	0.415	Attendance List	
Grandparents Week	Grandparents	Administration, Cafeteria staff	Oct 1-5		
Student Led	Parents,	Teachers	October 22	100% participation	
Conferences	Students,				
	teachers				
Veteran's Day	Veterans and	Social studies	November 12	Turnout, free meal	
and C I E I	Community	goal team	TID 4	tickets	
2 nd Grade Freedom	2 nd grade	2 nd grade team	TBA	Parent feedback	
Play V: 1	parents	77. 1	N 1 20		
Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	November 20		
Thanksgiving Feast	parents	team	TDA		
December Holiday	3 rd grade	PTA, 3 rd grade	TBA		
Program	parents Parents and	team, music dept Science/ Math	TBA	~~~~	
February	students		I BA	surveys	
International Night	Parents	goal teams	TBA	Danierat foodbard	
1st Grade Play	Parents	Gr 1 Teachers and students	I BA	Parent feedback	
PTA Bingo Night	School	PTA	TBA		
2 2 2 2 2 3 3 2 4 3 4 7	Community				
April VIV	Volunteers	Grade level	May, TBA		
Celebrations		teams			
All Arts Night and	School	Related Arts	Spring, TBA		
Chorus Performance	Community/	Team			
	Chorus				
	parents/PTA				
5th Grade Day	5 th graders	5 th grade team	May, TBA		
	and parents				
Year End Talent show	4 th and 5 th	Student Council	May, TBA		
	graders and				
	parents				
Field Days	Parents and	School Quality	May, TBA		
	students				
Awards Days	Parents and	Each Grade level	May, TBA		
	students				
Grade Level PBLs	Parents and	Grade level	One grade level	Attendance, parent	
	students	teachers	per month	feedback	
Monthly Birthday	Parents and	PTA	One Friday each		
Celebrations	students		month		
Unity Days	Parents and Community	Faculty and Staff	monthly	Attendance, parent feedback	
Cultural Awareness			Quarterly, TBA		
Events					

Our Leaders

In spring 2017, the School Board of Greenville County Schools approved Dave Burgess as the next Principal of Buena Vista Elementary. Mr. Burgess served as one of our Assistant Principal in 2016-2017

and officially became Principal on July 1, 2017. Dave brings to Buena Vista Elementary 28.5 years' experience in administration with 21.5 years' experience as a Principal. His service has spanned from a small rural elementary school to an inner city Kindergarten through 8th grade International Baccalaureate program. All schools under his guidance attained tremendous student achievement success.

Dave builds relationships through collaboration and shared leadership which empowers all involved to lead. He has found that as people lead, their expectations for themselves and those around them increases, and innovation occurs almost naturally. Bringing people together to create positive change is what he does best.

Our assistant principal is Kristen McFadden. This is her tenth year serving the Buena Vista community. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Clemson University. She has taught first grade and served for four years as an Administrative Assistant at Summit Drive Elementary before accepting the position as Assistant Principal of Buena Vista.

The school district has awarded Buena Vista an additional Assistant Principal beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. We welcomed Lisa Gilliard to our team. Mrs. Gilliard has worked in the Greenville County School District for 14 years – eight years as a classroom teacher, four years as a Title I Facilitator, and two as an Assistant Principal at Welcome Elementary. She graduated from Clemson University with an Educational Specialist degree in School Administration. She has extensive experience in building relationships with students, families and communities. Over the past six years, she has lead summer camps and extended day programs that provided students with additional reading and math assistance. She has successfully organized numerous PBIS schoolwide events, Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day, Back To School Bashes, Operation Success which involved making connections with numerous community partners, parents, and local businesses that have built relationships to enhance parent and family engagement.

History of Buena Vista

In southeastern Greenville County, twelve miles from the village originally known as Pleasantburg, was a rich section of land between the Enoree River and its tributary, Rocky Creek. From the earliest times, it had been known as Buena Vista. The origin of the name is unknown. This section was centered on what is today the crossroads of Pelham Road, SC Highway 14, and Batesville Road.

The land changed hands several times between 1810 and 1833. William Bates and Joshua Kilgore formed a partnership for a factory called, the Buena Vista Factory. Bates later opened another textile mill at the shoals of Rocky Creek called Batesville and the community was named the same. Five-pound packages of yarn were used as legal tender in an area short on money. Records from the post office show that between 1830 and 1860 around

400 people were in this area. Several structures dating from this period still survive: The William Bates House and one remaining house built for mill workers probably between 1812 and 1830.

In the mid 1840's Mr. Bates became partners with Thomas Cox and Henry P. Hammett to form William Bates and Company. In 1863, the Batesville Mill was sold in confederate currency to a Charleston, S. C. group. With the collapse of the confederacy, the mill returned to Bates' ownership.

William Bates died in 1872 and is buried in what is now the Ebenezer United Methodist Church cemetery. Henry Hammett continued the mill's operation after his death. The Civil War and Reconstruction dealt a blow to the prosperity of Buena Vista. In 1879, the mill was sold to George Putnam, owner of Camperdown Mills on the Reedy River in Greenville. After his death, his daughter, Mary Putnam Gridley, assumed the management of Batesville Mill, becoming the only woman president of a cotton mill in the south. Mrs. Gridley successfully ran the mill until the early 1900's.

The mill changed hands several times until the late 1920's when it closed as a cotton mill. In the early 1970's it became a restaurant, The Old Mill Stream. The Old Batesville Mill then became Fatz Café, which burned in 1998.

In 1830, Mr. Arthur Barnwell, native of South Carolina, had become wealthy in Pelham, New York. Mr. Barnwell bought the factory at Buena Vista and renamed the mill town and mill, "Pelham". In 1880, he completed his home, a beautiful Queen Ann style house, across the river from the mill. The house, now a Bed and Breakfast Inn, still stands today.

The Pelham Manufacturing Co. remained in operation until 1935. After the closure of both the Pelham and Batesville Mills, the activity of the Buena Vista area began to decrease. Many former employees went to work in factories in Greenville, Greer, and Simpsonville. By the early 1960's Buena Vista was a quiet farming community with few reminders of the industrial past.

In the early 1970's a site on Batesville Road was chosen by the school district for a new elementary school to serve the burgeoning East Side. A district-wide contest was held in 1983 for the district elementary school students to compete to name the new school.

At Pelham Road Elementary, Mrs. Doris Hefners's fifth grade class had just been on a field trip to the Batesville/Pelham/Buena Vista area. Mrs. David Ward, present owner of the William Bates House and local historian, guided them. After learning of the history of the area, Mrs. Hefner's students discussed a number of names but picked "Buena Vista" as their entry for the contest. And in June 1983, the site officially became that of the future Buena Vista Elementary School.

Buena Vista was dedicated on Sunday, November 17, 1985 with Dr. Roy Truby officiating. It was a new beginning but its name gave it added ties to an eventful past of an historic community. Mrs. Judith F. Greene was the first principal of Buena Vista. She passed away in January of 1991. The school opened with 650 students. The school faculty was combined with faculty from Brushy Creek Elementary School.

Mrs. Barbara A. Barlow, 2nd principal, remained in that position from 1992 until January of 2001. Mrs. Brenda Byrd served as the interim principal from January to May of 2001. In May of 2001, Dr. Ann Mohr was appointed as principal of Buena Vista and began her tenure in school year 2001-2002. Dr. Mohr remained in this position until her retirement in July 2017. The current enrollment is approximately 910 students. Buena Vista has been through many changes, and it continues to grow and change daily as we strive to educate the leaders of tomorrow.

Facilities

Buena Vista, one of 52 elementary schools in The School District of Greenville County, is a public, suburban school which serves kindergarten through grade five. The school was built in 1984 and currently houses approximately 814 students and 59 instructional staff members. Buena Vista Elementary is located in Greer, South Carolina.

The facilities at Buena Vista consist of 49 classrooms plus a science/STEAM lab, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room, and a library. Construction of a new wing addition was finished in the summer of 2005. The floor plan has a unique configuration; classrooms are clustered together around a common work area and conference room.



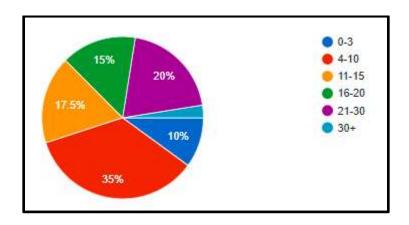
School Personnel Data

The staff at Buena Vista includes: 29 regular education teachers, 13 specialists, 4 special education teachers, two part time guidance counselors, and 1 ESOL teacher. We also have 11 teachers in the virtual program this year. We welcomed a new Instructional Coach this year. Our Instructional Coach works with all teachers to improve student achievement. One of the most extraordinary strengths of this staff is its ability to

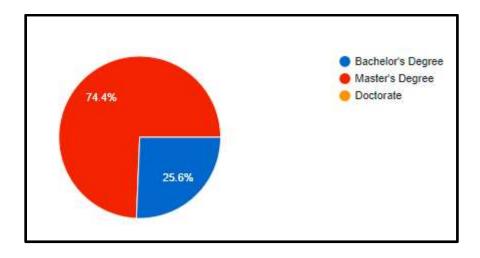
deal with change. All teachers strive to create a classroom and school climate that is nurturing and conducive to learning for all students. There are currently 9 males and 68 females working at Buena Vista. Five staff members are African American, one is Hispanic, and 73 are Caucasian.

The following graphs show the teachers' overall number of years of experience as well as a comparison of degrees held by our teachers. In addition to this data, we also have three teachers who hold National Board Certificates and several teachers who are teaching as a second career. Thirty-five teachers have successfully completed technology proficiency classes for educators, and our newest teachers are not yet required to take Intel as they wait for their professional certificates.

Experience as a Teacher



Teaching Degrees Held at Buena Vista

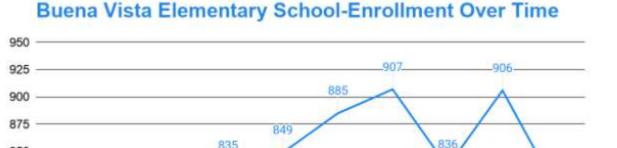


Additional personnel include the school principal, assistant principal, secretary, attendance clerk, .5 office clerk, custodial staff, media specialist and media clerk, literacy specialist, interventionist, STEAM lab instructor and 5 food services workers. Six bus drivers also provide services to students.

Other support personnel available to assist in meeting the needs of Buena Vista students include four kindergarten paraprofessionals, 2 special education paraprofessionals, the district psychologist, 1 school nurse, one speech and language pathologist, an occupational therapist, a part-time mental health counselor, and an English as a Second Language (ESOL) teacher. Our student/teacher ratio is 24 to 1 in Kindergarten, 22.1 to 1 in grades first through third, and 27.5 to 1 in grades four and five.

Buena Vista Elementary Students

Grade Level	Total in Grade	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Unclassified
0	107	12	26	3	0	9	0	57	0
	47 / 60	4 / 8	11 / 15	1/2	0/0	4/5	0/0	27 / 30	0/0
1	128	11	12	16	0	8	0	81	0
	77 / 51	8 / 3	8 / 4	12 / 4	0 / 0	6/2	0/0	43 / 38	0/0
2	134	15	25	11	0	8	0	75	0
	67 / <mark>67</mark>	8 / 7	12 / <mark>13</mark>	3 / 8	0 / 0	5/3	0/0	39 / <mark>36</mark>	0/0
3	165	17	32	11	3	9	0	93	0
	88 / 77	12 / 5	20 / 12	4 / 7	1/2	4/5	0/0	47 / 46	0/0
4	127	12	21	7	1	5	0	81	0
	54 / 73	3 / 9	11 / 10	4/3	0 / 1	1 / 4	0/0	35 / 46	0/0
5	153	13	14	17	1	7	0	101	0
	85 / <mark>68</mark>	7 / 6	7 / 7	9/8	1/0	6/1	0/0	55 / 46	0/0
Total	814 418 / 396	80 42 / 38	130 69 / 61	65 33 / 32	5 2/3	46 26 / <mark>20</mark>	0 0 / 0	488 246 / 242	0 0 / 0



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Currently, the student enrollment at Buena Vista is made up of. 8 percent Hispanic, 60.1 percent Caucasian, 15.9 percent African-American, 10.2 percent Asian and 6.2 percent "Other". The primary home languages, in order of student enrollment, are English, Spanish, and Indian dialects. Slight changes in demographics reveal a slight increase in the percentage of Caucasians Hispanic students with a slight decrease in our African American population. A strength of our school is our diversity. The changes in the other categories are statistically insignificant. Services are provided by a trained ESOL teacher to our ESOL student population. Currently, 22% of our student population falls below the poverty index. This number is based on the number of students who receive free and reduced priced meals and Medicaid. The level of FARMs (Free and Reduced Meals) has increased slightly over time.

Buena Vista and the school district strive to meet the needs of all children. Buena Vista Elementary has one self-contained, primary special education classroom and one Learning Lab classes. We are continuing the Inclusion Model to meet the needs of our students with disabilities. Two part-time speech teachers work with students in a pullout schedule. An itinerant teacher for the hearing impaired, a physical therapist, and an occupational therapist work with identified students. The Challenge program includes identified students at grades 3-5. This district program is taught by a qualified teacher and follows a prescribed curriculum. Students participate in quarterly units of study that are curriculum based.

Communication between the home and the school is important to each child's success. Currently, 100% of the Buena Vista families report having computers in the home with internet access. The school maintains a

website. Each teacher has an individual webpage where weekly newsletters and curriculum updates are posted. Each teacher and administrator has an e-mail account which provides easy access for communication.

Attendance and Mobility

Student attendance rates at Buena Vista have remained steady over the past few years. Buena Vista has an average student daily attendance rate of approximately 95.5% for 2021. The mobility rate is currently at about 5 percent. This number is based on the number of students moving in or out of our student population during the school year.

Major Programming Features and Awards

- Gold Award, "Excellent" on report card
- RtI Reading Intervention at K and 1(serves approximately 65 students per year)
- Full-time Literacy Specialist to support lowest readers in grades 1, 2 and 3
- In house Professional development by members of the Literacy team and/or the Literacy Specialist to ensure that instructional strategies in reading remain consistent and appropriately rigorous across all grade levels.
- In House professional development by members of the technology team or staff members who attended ISTE in 2019 to share best practices in all areas of technology.
- IXL and First in Math web-based programs, offer support and enrichment opportunities for all students.
- Triple I (Immediate, Intensive Intervention) Data driven, student-centered intervention and enrichment offered weekly by grade level and by subject.
- Implementation of Fountas & Pinnell Balanced Literacy Model in all classrooms
- Implementation of Lucy Calkins Writing in all classrooms
- Half-time Interventionist for identified students needing additional support in math.(*Student Centered Coaching*)
- STEAM Lab instructor targets SEPs, builds on student curiosity, enhances traditional standards-based classroom instruction
- Bobcat Brainbuilder's Program (in-house tutoring for students of all ages)
- Extended Day Program Enrichment Clubs in math, science, Health/Wellness/Fitness, technology
- Faculty Initiatives with Collaborative Learning Communities and 7 *Habits of Highly Successful People* (both of which directly impact student learning)
- Faculty team formed to research, create and presented to our faulty a new school-wide behavior plan
 designed to establish behavioral expectations, celebrate success and to change inappropriate behaviors
- Guidance program: The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Students

- Healthy School Initiative and member of the CATCH program
- SHI grant winner 2014
- Learning Community-our classrooms are organized in clusters of 6 classes around a central open are. This
 allows teachers to flexibly group students based on demonstrated performance (MAP, unit pre- and posttesting, Mastery Connect, etc.) Students in each cluster participate in PBL units each year; each PBL is
 designed to include a STEM/STEAM component.
- Related arts enrichment program to enhance opportunities for students in grades 2-5
- Annual Artist in Residence, visiting author, and Battle of the Books to enhance instruction
- Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence, finalist, 2014. Applicant in 2018.
- Participant in Discovery Education's Digital Leaders Pilot Program.

Mission, Vision and Beliefs

The mission of Buena Vista Elementary School is to educate students while supporting them socially and emotionally as they develop into responsible 21st Century learners.

The vision of Buena Vista Elementary School is to offer a challenging, progressive, character-building, SC College and Career Ready curriculum that enables students to become self-directed learners. We envision students who have a well-developed self-esteem and are open-minded. Our students will become creative problem solvers and independent thinkers who are prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Our Beliefs

- 1. We believe all members of the Buena Vista community are active learners.
- 2. We believe social, emotional, and intellectual skills can be learned.
- 3. We believe a supportive learning environment is characterized by safety, mutual respect, communication, and collaboration among all stakeholders.
- 4. We believe learning occurs for a variety of reasons, including high expectations, mastery of skills, curiosity, and preparation for the future.

- 5. We believe learning occurs best through a wide variety of experiences targeting different ability levels and styles of learning, modeling, and technology-rich experiences with hands-on and real-life applications.
- 6. We believe learning is enhanced by applied technology, the integration of the arts, and a research and project-based curriculum.
- 7. We believe ongoing assessment and the tracking of long term goals are critical to continuous improvement. We believe assessment results should be shared.

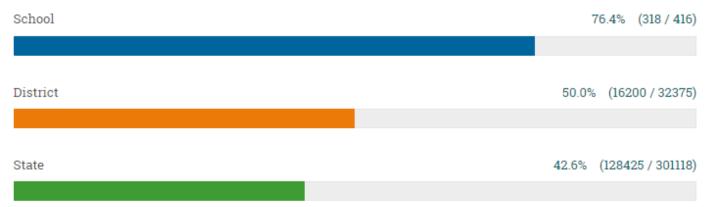
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SC READY TESTING DATA

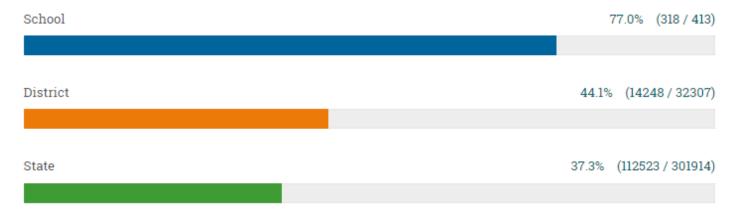
The following graphs show our SC-Ready data from the spring 2021 administrations. The first four figures show the percentage of students scoring in each performance level as compared to similar students in the district and in the state. The next figure shares results by grade level.

SC Ready English Language Arts and Mathematics

English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) - Percent Met or Exceeding

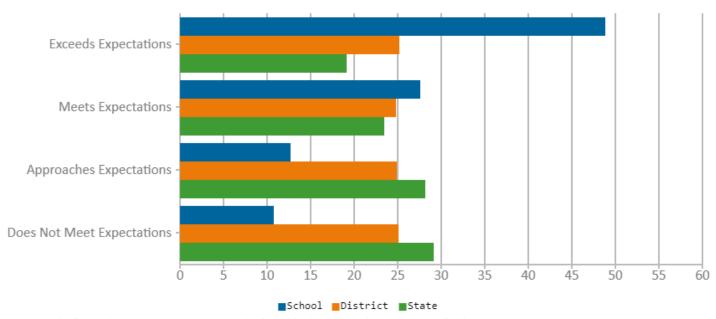


Mathematics - Percent Met or Exceeding



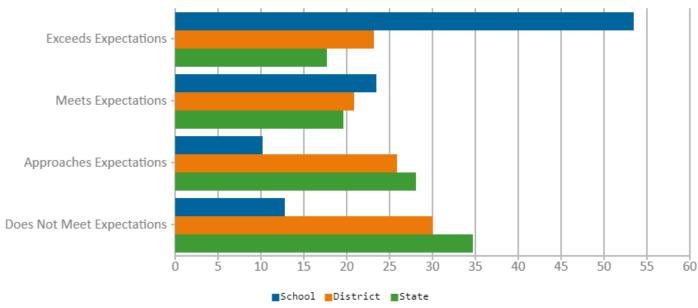
SC READY English Language Arts and Mathematics

English Language Arts (Reading and Writing)



Note: Results from alternate assessments were included in the calculations where available.

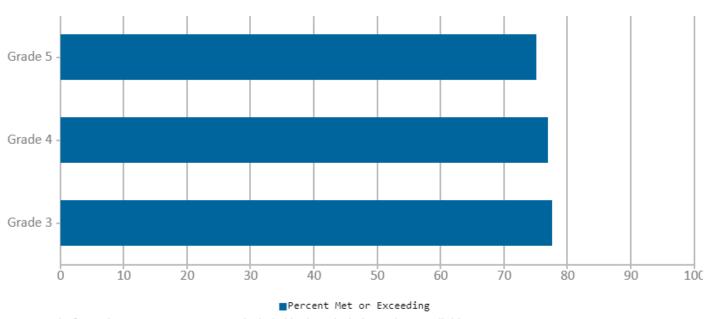
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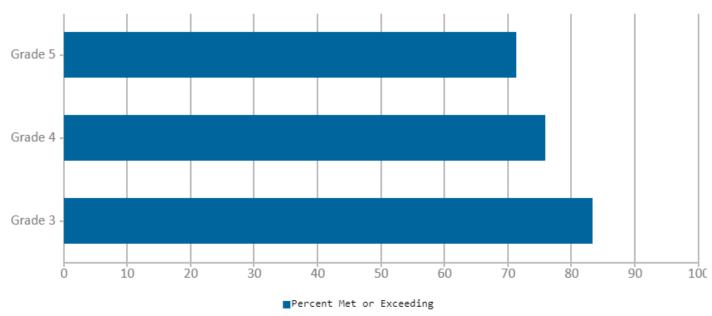
SC READY Performance by Grade Level

English Language Arts (Reading and Writing)



Note: Results from alternate assessments were included in the calculations where available.

Mathematics



Note: Results from alternate assessments were included in the calculations where available.

The next graphs show similar information from SC Pass 2021 for Science by performance level. This test is only taken by 4th graders.

Science

Number Tested	Does Not Meet Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Meets or Exceeds Expectations	Approaches Meets or Exceeds Expectations
126	15.1%	15.1%	27.0%	42.9%	69.8%	84.9%

Teacher and Administrator Quality:

Buena Vista Elementary School Professional Development Schedule for 2021-2022

Date	Topic and Purpose
August 9	Welcome Back: Review of Procedures
	Conscious Discipline
	Summer Academy
August 10	Tech Team Training
August 11	UDL Training
August 12	Strengths Training Norms Development
August 24	Gradebook Set Up
August 26	Promethean Panel
15.000	Training
September 9	Tech Team Meeting
September 13	Book Study Session 1
September 15	Data Dive
September 17	MAP Training
September 22	Promethean Panel
9.77	Follow Up
September 22	Faculty Council
September 29	Staff Meeting
October 5	Wakelet
October 6	CogAT/Iowa Training
October 11	Book Study
October 13	Staff Meeting
October 20	Faculty Council
November 3	Tech Team Meeting
November 10	Staff Meeting- Data and Triple I
November 17	Faculty Council
December 1	Tech Team- PBL Project and the Gifted Learner
December 8	Staff Meeting- Triple I
12/15	Faculty Council

1/12	Staff
World:	Meeting-Engagement
1/19	Faculty Council
1/26	Staff Meeting
1/19	Writing Minilessons Session 1
2/9	Staff Meeting
2/16	Faculty Council
2/16	Writing Minilessons
	Session 2
2/23	Staff Meeting
2/24	School-Wide Technology
	Day
3/9	Staff Meeting
3/16	Faculty Council
3/16	Writing Minilessons
	Session 3
4/13	Staff Meeting
4/20	Faculty Council
4/20	Writing Minilessons
28800	Session 4
4/27	Staff Meeting

Needs Assessment Summary:

The challenge that we face at Buena Vista is to continue to encourage each student to meet their academic potential. Specifically, addressing the needs of our subroups and our international learners will continue to be a focus for us, as will meeting the needs of our highest performing students. Changes in staff, instructional models, standards, and student demographics are all to be expected. We must continue to find ways to face those changes while maintaining our focus on the achievemnet of all of our students. We are hopeful that our intervention procedures, staff professional development and cerrtification in GT instruction, our data analysis

routines, our technology integration, our flexible instructional groups will help support all student as they strive to improve achievement.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC), working in partnership with our teachers and our administrative team, have directed attention to our school-wide literacy focus. To this end, working with the kindergarten teachers and community members, we have reached out to families of Kindergarten students enrolled for the 2019-20 school year with books, parenting strategies to be implemented at home, scissors for practicing fine motor skills and more. The hope is that by supporting early literacy skills, more of our students will begin their academic careers at Buena Vista with a stronger foundation. Similarly, we have made substantial efforts to reach out to our parents and the larger ommunity to develop family literacy connection. We have offered a Family Literacy Night in which reading strategies were shared with parents to be used at home. One of our fourth grade teachers sponsored an on-line book club with approximately 100 families participating, and another staff member introduce a "#For the Love of Reading" campaign that has spread through social media and has our entire community reading for fun.

In the area of teacher and administrator quality, we will continue to hold high expecations in order to maintain our high level of success. We follow the district guidelines for professional development and for teacher mentoring and evaluation. One idea that came out of the self-evaluation process was to improve our in-house peer coaching strategies. Currently, peer coaching is only used regularly for our newest staff emembers. However, the faculty feels that expanding this to include our entire staff would bring strong results. In previous years, we focused peer observations in the area of literacy insruction in first grade. The staff members involved reported significant success and positive impact, and we are now expanding in to other grade levels and other subjects. Also under consideration is something similar in the area of technology integration, to meet the expectations of the Digital Leadership Pilot in which we are participating. We are hopeful that tapping into our in-house talents and successes will impact all students in their levels of acadmic success. Progress in this area is clearly evident witht eh number fo staff members who have lead professional development for our own teachers in-house, for teachers in our district axross our stat, and/or nationally. Also, in an effort to meet the needs of our highest performing students, the majority of our teachers are participating in graduate level classes in Gifted and Talented instruction. Many of us are now able to add the GT Endorsement to our teaching certificates.

Last, we considered our school climate. According to the indicators that we used, our parents, students, and staff are well-pleased with the school climate. However, one frustration that we feel could easily be addressed is in the area of technology support from the district. Our administrators, staff, and our PTA have made significant effort to keep Buena Vista on the front of the technology wave. We have a considerable number of

devices to enhance learning, but if there is not enough tech support to assist with maintenance and repairs in a timely manner, then instruction is impacted.

Please use the following link to access our 2019-2020 School Report Card https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9RSZzaWQ9MjMwMTA5Mw

Impact of COVID-19:

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education approved the SC Department of Education's request to waive statewide assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements of in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year due to widespread school closures related to COVID-19.

For spring 2020, South Carolina did not administer any of the following assessment programs:

- SC READY (English language arts and mathematics in grades 3–8);
- SCPASS (science in grades 4 and 6);
- End-of-Course Examination Program (English, Algebra, Biology, United States History)
- and the Constitution) the requirement that these examinations count 20 percent has been
- waived;
- Prekindergarten assessments 4-year-old kindergarten (Phonological Awareness
- Literacy Screening (PALS Pre-KTM), Individual Growth and Development Indicators
- (myIGDIsTM), and Teaching Strategies® GOLD); and
- Alternate Assessments some students have already taken the alternate assessments.

The following assessments were unable to be administered due to COVID-19 and required a waiver

- Grade 10 PSAT
- Ready to Work
- ACT, SAT
- AP, IB, Cambridge International

Performance Goal Area:						
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and						
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and						
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other						
PERFORMANCE GOAL 1: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds						
Expectations on SC READY ELA will increase from76.8% in 2016-17 to _91.8% in 2022-23.						
Per SBE Regulation 43-261, measurable performance goals, written in five-year increments, shall be developed to address the major areas of discrepancy found in the needs assessment in key areas reported in the district and school report cards.						
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations on SC READY ELA will increase by _3% annually.						

DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
SC READY ELA SDE website and School Report Card	77% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations (2016-17)	School Projected Elementary	79.8	82.8	85.8	88.8	91.8
		School Actual Elementary 76.9	75.1	waiver	74		
SC READY ELA SDE website and School Report Card	49% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations (2016-17)	District Projected Elementary 52	52	55	58	61	64
		District Actual Elementary 52	58	waiver	52		

ACTION PLAN F	ACTION PLAN FOR STRATEGY #1:						
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION		
Implementation of Fountas and Pinnell, school-wide, including explicit, contentrich activities, Serravallo's Reading Strategies Book	Ongoing	Administrative Team, IC, Teacher	Annual purchase of folders, additional books	No purchase needed	Yearend summary sheets, lesson plans		
Focused writing instruction (Lucy Calkins program) using Atlas plans and Serravallo's Writing Strategies book as supplemental resources	Ongoing	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Lesson plans, observations		

ACTION PLAN F	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Use of GCS Writing Prompts with vertical and horizontal articulation	As directed by district	Teachers, IC	-	District	Data Analysis, meeting notes, lesson plans
Student-centered enrichment periods to meet the immediate needs of students. Triple I	Implemented fall 2016, ongoing	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Observations, data analysis, grade level meeting notes, lesson plans
Focused support by Literacy Specialist for lowest performing readers in grades 1-2	Sustained	Administrative Team, IC, Lit. Specialist		State/District	FastBridge and F&P progress reports, lesson plans
Focused Professional Development for all staff members by the Literacy Specialist and other Literacy Team Members	Oct-May, varied days and times	Admin Team, Literacy Specialist, Lit. Team Members			Attendance logs, pre/post MAP data
Early Reading Intervention for Tier II students using Aimsweb and RTI (grades K, 1)	Sustained	Leadership Team, teachers- Grades K-1	Materials on hand	District	PM data, observations, summary reports
Participate in IXL to enrich and remediate students	Sustained	Teachers, Admin Team	Site License	PTA	Observations, grade level reports
Continue to expand the SpEd Inclusion Model to include more glasses/grade levels	Sustained	Leadership Team, IC, SpEd and GenEd teachers		District	

ACTION PLAN F	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Use of community resources to assist with differentiation and to enhance instruction (PTA Brain Builders, Riverside Cadets and Service Learning Students, Junior Achievement in Gr. 1, etc.)	Sustained	IC, Counselor, Goal Team and Grade Level Reps, Teachers	-	No Purchase Needed	Meeting notes, lesson plans, observations

Performance Goal Area:
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other
PERFORMANCE GOAL 2: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds
Expectations on SC READY Math will increase from 79.8% in 2016-17 to 94.9% in 2022-23.
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds
Expectations on SC READY Math will increase by3_% annually.

DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
SC READY Math SDE website and School Report Card	79.8 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations (2016-17)	School Projected Elementary	82.8	85.8	88.8	91.8	94.8
		School Actual Elementary 81.7	79	waiver	74		
SC READY Math SDE website and School Report Card	54% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations (2016-17)	District Projected Elementary 57	62	64	66	68	69

District Actual Elementary 60	63	waiver	53		
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ACTION PLAN FO	R STRATEG	Y #1:			EVALUATION
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Use of manipulatives, both concrete and electronic	Sustained	Teachers	On hand	-	Lesson plans, observations
Use of GCS Atlas resources and pacing guides	Sustained	Teachers	On hand		Data Analysis, Lesson plans, and Grade level Loti
Student-centered enrichment periods to meet the immediate needs of students. Triple I	Implemented fall 2016, ongoing	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Observations, data analysis, grade level meeting notes, lesson plans
Use of M.A.T.H centers to differentiate instruction	Sustained	Admin Team, IC, Teachers		No purchase needed	Lesson plans
Integration of science and social studies into ELA and Math lessons (through leveled non-fiction readers, writing activities, note booking, project- based learning, etc.)	Sustained	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	Leveled Readers	PTA	Lesson plans, observations, samples of student work
Interactive Note booking across all core subjects, in Intermediate classes (paperback and digital)	Sustained	Teachers	??/student (estimated)	Parents, PTA scholarship for FARMS students	Observations, student samples, lesson plans

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Continued use of grade level math preand post-testing with item analysis to guide instructional decisions	Sustained	Leadership Team, IC, Teachers		No purchase needed	Classroom, Grade Level, and School- Wide Reports

Performance Goal Area:
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other
PERFORMANCE GOAL 3: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds
Expectations on SCPASS Science will meet or exceed the state and federal accountability standard annually
from 2018-19 through 2022-23.
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: The percentage of students scoring Meets Expectations and Exceeds
Expectations on SCPASS Science will increase by1_% annually.

DATA SOURCE(s):		2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
SCPASS Science SDE website and School Report Card	Baseline will be established in 2017-18 Grade 4 only	School Projected Elementary	84.3	85.3	86.3	87.3	88.3
		School Actual Elementary 83.3	76	waiver	69.8		
SCPASS Science SDE website and School Report Card	Baseline will be established in 2017-18 Grade 4 only	District Projected Elementary	63	66	69	72	75
		District Actual Elementary 60	64	waiver	56		

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Standards-based Field Trips at each grade level	Traditionally 2 of each, annually	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	Varies by trip	Parents, PTA	Field Trip Request Forms, lesson plans, observations
Staffed STEAM lab to encourage exploration and heighten curiosity	Sustained	Administrative Team, Science Lab instructor	??	??	Lesson plans, observations, products created

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Vertical and Horizontal discussions and data analysis with Data Teams to guide instructional planning	Sustained	Administrative Team, IC, Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Data analysis meeting, summaries, lesson plans

Performance Goal Area:
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other
PERFORMANCE GOAL 4: Annually increase learning outcomes for traditionally underperforming
student demographic groups across the performance goals as measured by gap data for standardized tests in
English Language Arts and Math (Hispanic – Hispanic/Latino, AA - Black/African-American, SWD -
Disabled, LEP - Limited English Proficient, SIP - Students in Poverty).
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.

DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	x% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected Hispanic	X	X	X	X	X
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		School Actual Hispanic N/A	Not enough to form a subgroup	waiver	Not enough to form a subgroup		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	33% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected Hispanic 36	36	39	42	45	48
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		District Actual Hispanic	40	waiver	36		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	x % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected AA	37	40	43	46	49
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		School Actual AA 37% (in grades 4/5)	39.7	waiver	36.7 (in 3 rd)		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	22% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected AA 25	25	28	31	34	37

SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		District Actual AA 25	31	waiver	28		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	38 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected SWD	38	41	44	47	50
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		School Actual SWD	35.5 (in grades 4/5)	waiver	29.6 (in 3 ^{rd)}		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	11% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected SWD 14	14	17	20	23	26
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		District Actual SWD 12	21	waiver	19		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	77 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected LEP	35	38	41	44	47
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		School Actual LEP 77 (Grades 3/5)	69.6 (in 4 th)	waiver	65.2 (in 3 rd)		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	32% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected LEP 35	35	38	41	44	47
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		District Actual LEP 33	44	waiver	32		
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	47 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected PIP	47	50	53	56	59
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		School Actual PIP 47	44.2	waiver	52.6		

SC READY ELA SC SDE Website	35% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected PIP 38	38	41	44	47	50
SC READY ELA SC SDE Website		District Actual PIP 33	45	waiver	37		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	x % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected Hispanic	х	X	X	х	Х
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		School Actual Hispanic N/A not enough for a subgroup	X	waiver	School Actual Hispanic N/A not enough for a subgroup		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	36% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected Hispanic 39	39	42	45	48	51
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		District Actual Hispanic	43	waiver	41		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	43 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected AA	43	46	49	52	55
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		School Actual AA 43% (in grades 3,4)	39	waiver	20.7 (in 3rd)		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	24% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected AA 27	27	30	33	36	39
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		District Actual AA 28	30	waiver	25		

SC READY Math SC SDE Website	52 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected SWD	52	55	58	61	64
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		School Actual SWD 52	41	waiver	34.6 (in 3 rd)		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	15% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected SWD 18	18	21	24	27	30
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		District Actual SWD 16	20	waiver	24		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	77 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected LEP	77	80	83	86	89
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		School Actual LEP 77 (grades 4- 5)	87 (grade 4)	waiver	87 (in 3 rd)		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	37% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected LEP 40	40	43	46	49	52
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		District Actual LEP 42	46	waiver	40		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	58 % Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	School Projected PIP	58	61	64	67	70
SC READY Math SC SDE Website		School Actual PIP 58	51.4	waiver	43.6		
SC READY Math SC SDE Website	33% Meets Expectations and Exceeds Expectations	District Projected PIP 36	36	39	42	45	48

SC READY Math SC SDE Website	District Actual PIP 38	43	waiver	38			
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	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Faculty training led by our ESOL teacher- strategies to be used in the classroom	Yearly	ESOL Teacher, Admin Team, IC, Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Lesson plans, training agenda, sample report card
2. PTA International Night to enhance engagement	Yearly	ESOL, PTA, Admin Team	-	Parents	Photographs, meeting program
3.International Mentor Group to bridge cultural gaps	Jan 2019, ongoing	ESOL teacher, GT Teachers, Admin Team, IC, students, teachers	-	No purchase needed	Meeting notes, planning schedules, photographs

Performance Goal Area: Student Achievement* Teacher/Administrator Quality* School							
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and							
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and							
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other							
PERFORMANCE GOAL 5: Annually increase the percentage of K-5 students reading on grade level as							
defined by Fountas and Pinnell, FastBridge, MAP, and other measures.							
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.							

DATA SOURCE(s)		2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Fountas and Pinnell Kindergarte n through Grade 5	Criterion Referenc e Measure	School Projecte d	85.5	87.0	88.5	90	91.5
	Meets and Exceeds	School Actual	84%	Data point not available due to state-wide school closures on March 17,	Kindergarte n through Grade 5 = 75.2		
FastBridge Kindergarte n and Grade	Norm Referenc e Measure	School Projecte d		Kindergarte n = 70% Grade 1 =77%	Kindergarte n = 72% Grade 1 =79%	Kindergarte n = 74% Grade 1 =81%	Kindergarte n = 76% Grade 1 = 83%
	K5 criteria 41 or more accurate sounds per minute (40 th percentile) Grade 1	School Actual	Kindergarte n = 68% Grade 1 =75%	Data point not available due to state-wide school closures on March 17,	Kindergarte n = 70% Grade 1 =64%		
MAP Winter Reading	% students with Winter Reading RIT at or above criteria for scoring	School Projecte d		Grade 2 – 93.7 % Grade 5 – 94.9%	Grade 2 – 94.2% Grade 5 – 95.4%	Grade 2 – 94.7 % Grade 5 – 95.9 %	Grade 2 – 95.2 % Grade 5 – 96.4 %
South Carolina MAP Linking Study – February 2018	2 nd grade criteria RIT = 190 64 th percentile 5 th grade criteria RIT = 217 68 th percentile	School Actual	Grade 2 – 93.2 % Grade 5 – 94.4%	Grade 2 – 56% 5th grade data point not available - School Board decision to waive 5th grade testing due to Act 142 testing requirements.	Grade 2 – 62% 5th grade data point not available - School Board decision to waive 5th grade testing due to Act 142 testing requirements.		

Fountas and Pinnell Kindergarte n through Grade 5	Criterion Referenc e Measure	District Projecte d		K-5 71% or above	K-5 73% or above	K-5 75% or above	K-5 77% or above
		District Actual	K-5 69%	Data point not available due to state-wide school closures on March 17,	K-5 57%		
FastBridge Kindergarte n and Grade	Norm Referenc e Measure	District Projecte d		5K – 52% or above Grade 1 – 57% or above	5K – 54% or above Grade 1 – 59% or above	5K – 56% or above Grade 1 – 61% or above	5K – 58% or above Grade 1 – 63% or above
	K5 criteria 41 or more accurate sounds per minute (40 th percentile) Grade 1 criteria 71 or more accurately	District Actual	5K – 50% Grade 1 – 55%	Data point not available due to state-wide school closures on March 17, 2020 - COVID-19	5K-28% Grade 1- 46%		
MAP Winter Reading	% students with Winter Reading RIT at or above criteria for scoring Meets Expectation	District Projecte d		Grade 2 – 36% or above Grade 5 – 32% or above	Grade 2 – 36% or above Grade 5 – 32% or above	Grade 2 – 36% or above Grade 5 – 32% or above	Grade 2 – 36% or above Grade 5 – 32% or above
South Carolina MAP Linking Study – February 2018 and July 2020	2018 2nd grade criteria RIT = 190 64th percentile 5th grade criteria RIT = 217 68th percentile 2020 2nd grade criteria RIT = 188	District Actual	Grade 2 – 38% Grade 5 – 39%	Grade 2 – 38% Grade 5 – 41%	Grade 2 – 37% 5th grade data point not available - School Board decision to waive 5th grade testing due to Act 142 testing requirements.		

Note. All students participate in MAP testing except for students with disabilities on an alternate curriculum.

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Data analysis and formation of flexible groups for	Ongoing	Teachers, Literacy Specialist, Admin Team, IC			Group assignments, measurable student growth

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
remediation, Triple I					
2. Focused Training by the Literacy Specialist	2018-2019, ongoing	Admin Team, Literacy Teachers	-	No purchase needed	Agenda, training schedule, observation
3. Acquisition of additional F&P and LLI materials	Summer 2018, ongoing as needed as funding is available	Literacy Specialist, Admin Team	\$30,000 estimated	Combination of local general, PTA	Lesson plans, observations

Performance Goal Area:							
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and							
Talented Requires							
Talented: Social and Emotional							
1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other							
PERFORMANCE GOAL 1: The school will have qualified, diverse teachers (gender and ethnicity) by							
2023.							
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.							

DATA SOURCE(s):		2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Employment report		School Projected	92% Caucasian Female	90% Caucasian Female	Gender Diversity = Increase or Maintain Ethnic Diversity =	Gender Diversity = Increase or Maintain Ethnic Diversity =	Gender Diversity = Increase or Maintain Ethnic Diversity =
GCS Human Resources Department	Baseline established in 2019- 2020	School Actual 94% Winter 2019		Gender Diversity =yes/no Ethnic Diversity = yes/no	Gender Diversity =yes Ethnic Diversity = yes	Gender Diversity =yes/no Ethnic Diversity = yes/no	
Employment report		District Projected	Gender Diversity = 92% Ethnic Diversity = 92%	Gender Diversity = 94% Ethnic Diversity = 94%	Gender Diversity = 100% Ethnic Diversity = 97%	Gender Diversity = 98% Ethnic Diversity = 98%	Gender Diversity = 100% Ethnic Diversity = 100%
GCS Human Resources Department	Baseline established in 2017- 2018	District Actual Gender Diversity = 99%	Gender Diversity = 96% Ethnic	Gender Diversity = 99% Ethnic	Gender Diversity = 100% Ethnic Diversity = 97%		

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Team interviews for potential candidates with representation from grade and administration	As needed	Teachers, Admin team			Interview schedules, interview notes
Rigorous adherence to PAS-T evaluation system	Sustained	Teachers, IC, Admin team			
Continued implementation of the M&M support for new staff	Sustained	Teachers, IC, Admin team	-	No purchase	Agenda, schedule
Intentional recruitment at Shining Stars and other job fairs	Sustained	Admin Team, IC	-	No purchase needed	

Performance Goal Area:			~ 3					
Climate (Parent Involvement,								
Talented Requires Gifte	ed and Talented: Academic	Gifted and T	alented: Artistic [Gifted and				
Talented: Social and Emotiona	al 1 Academic Goal and 1	Additional Goal	Gifted and Tale	ented: Other				
PERFORMANCE GOAL 1:	Achieve and maintain a ra	ate of 90% among	parents, students, a	nd teachers				
who agree or strongly agree th	at they feel safe during the	school day on the	South Carolina De	partment of				
Education Survey.								
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.								
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DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	х	School Projected Students	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90
		School Actual Students	X	waiver			
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	X	School Projected Teachers	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90
		School Actual Teachers 100%	X	waiver			
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	X	School Projected Parents	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90
		School Actual Parents 96.1	X	waiver			
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	92	District Projected Students	≥90	≥90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90

		District Actual Students 86	89	waiver	93		
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	98	District Projected Teachers	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90
		District Actual Teachers 97	97	waiver	98		
SC SDE School Report Card Survey	91	District Projected Parents	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90	≥ 90
		District Actual Parents 88	89	waiver	92		

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Maintain high standards for building security	Ongoing	Plant Engineer, Admin Team, Teachers		District	Sign in data
2. Adhere to and highlight monthly safety drills	Ongoing	Admin Team, Principals, Plant Engineer, School Nurse	-	-	Lesson plans, sample locater sheets
3. Maintain Emergency Response Team	Ongoing	Admin Team, School Nurse, Teachers, Team Members	-	-	Nurse's logs, First Aid cards, successful, district drills

Performance Goal Area: ☐ Student Achievement* ☐ Teacher/Administrator Quality* ☐ School
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other
PERFORMANCE GOAL 2: The school will proactively address student behavior so the percentage of
students recommended for expulsion each year is maintained at less than 1% of the total student population.
PERFORMANCE GOAL 3: The school will continue to contribute to a safe school environment and positively impact student behavior as indicated by an annual expulsion rate of less than .07 %.
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.

Percent Recommended for Expulsion

DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
	(2016-17)	School Projected	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0
GCS Expulsion Report		School Actual	0				
	(2016-17) 0.7	District Projected	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0	≤1.0
GCS Expulsion Report		District Actual 0.8	1.5	0.9	0.3		

Annual Expulsion Rate

DATA SOURCE(s):	2016-17	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
	(2016-17) 0	School Projected	≤.07	≤.07	≤.07	≤.07	≤ .07

GCS Expulsion Report		School Actual	0				
	(2016-17) .04	District Projected	≤.07	≤.07	≤.07	≤.07	≤.07
GCS Expulsion Report		District Actual .04	.10	.03	.004		

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. School-wide Discipline Plan	Sustained	Admin Team, Teachers, Parents, Students	-	-	Referral data
2. Formation of School Discipline Team to investigate alternate discipline plans	Summer 2018, ongoing	Admin team, IC, teachers	-	-	Meeting notes, faculty meeting, agendas
3. Leader in Me Character Education	August 2018, ongoing	Admin Team, Guidance	-		Lesson Plans

Performance Goal Area: ☐ Student Achievement* ☐ Teacher/Administrator Quality* ☐ School
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and
Talented Requires
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other
PERFORMANCE GOAL 4: The school will demonstrate a caring environment as indicated by an increase
in the percent of elementary students who describe their teacher as caring on the Cognia Culture and Climate
Survey.
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.

DATA SOURCE(s):		2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Cognia Climate & Culture Student Survey	Baseline established in 2017-18	School Projected	90	90	90	90	90
		School Actual 90	x	95	Data point not available due to state- wide school closures on March 17, 2020 -	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued.	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued
Cognia Climate & Culture Student Survey	Baseline established in 2017-18	District Projected	90	90	90	90	90
		District Actual 89	90	92	Data point not available due to state- wide school closures on March 17, 2020 - COVID-19 pandemic.	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued

ACTION PLAN FO	ACTION PLAN FOR STRATEGY #1:				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. School-wide implementation of the Leader in Me character education program	Aug 2018, ongoing	Admin Team, Guidance, Counselors, Teachers	-		Lesson plans, survey results, weekly focus in Leadership
2. Creation of school-wide discipline plan that includes the implementation of	April 2019, ongoing	Discipline committee, Admin Team, teachers			Sample agenda from morning meetings

ACTION PLAN FOR	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
morning meetings in the classroom					
3.					

DATA SOURCE(s):	AVERAGE BASELINE	2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
	(2016-17) 96	School Projected		96	96	96	96
180 th day Attendance Report		School Actual 96	95				
	(2016-17) 95	District Projected	95	95	95	95	95
180 th day Attendance Report		District Actual 95	95	96	92		

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Establish teacher and parent communication	Sustained	Teacher	-	-	Attendance rate
2. Intervention conference with attendance clerk	Sustained	Admin, Attendance Clerk	-	-	Attendance rate

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
3. Parent notes required for all absences (district expectation)	Sustained	Parent, Teacher, Attendance Clerk	-	-	Attendance rate

Performance Goal Area: ☐ Student Achievement* ☐ Teacher/Administrator Quality* ☐ School							
Climate (Parent Involvement, Safe and Healthy Schools, etc.)* (* required) District Priority Gifted and							
Talented Requires Gifted and Talented: Academic Gifted and Talented: Artistic Gifted and							
Talented: Social and Emotional 1 Academic Goal and 1 Additional Goal Gifted and Talented: Other							
PERFORMANCE GOAL 6: The school will create and sustain an environment that supports mental and							
social/emotional health, as indicated by an annual decrease in the percent of elementary students who, on the							
Cognia Climate and Culture Survey, report feeling afraid, lonely, or angry while they are at school.							
INTERIM PERFORMANCE GOAL: Meet annual targets below.							

DATA SOURCE(s):		2017-18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Cognia Climate & Culture Student Survey	Baseline established in 2017-18	School Projected	$ A fraid \leq 5 $ $ Lonely \leq 5 $ $ Angry \leq 3 $	$ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Afraid} \leq \\ 4 \\ \mathbf{Lonely} \leq \\ 5 \\ \mathbf{Angry} \leq \\ 3 \end{array} $	Afraid ≤ 4 Lonely ≤ 4 Angry ≤ 2	Afraid ≤4 Lonely ≤4 Angry ≤2	Afraid ≤4 Lonely ≤4 Angry ≤2
		School Actual Afraid – 5% Lonely – 6% Angry –4	Afraid ≤ Lonely ≤ Angry ≤	$ Afraid \leq 4 \\ Lonely \leq 9 \\ Angry \leq 5 $	Data point not available due to state- wide school closures on March 17, 2020 -	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued
Cognia Climate & Culture Student Survey	Baseline established in 2017-18	District Projected	Afraid ≤ 5 Lonely ≤ 9 Angry ≤ 7	Afraid ≤ 5 Lonely ≤ 9 Angry ≤ 7	Afraid ≤ 5 Lonely ≤ 8 Angry ≤ 6	Afraid ≤ 5 Lonely ≤ 8 Angry ≤ 6	Afraid ≤ 5 Lonely ≤ 7 Angry ≤ 5
		District Actual Afraid – 5% Lonely – 10% Angry – 8%	Afraid – 5% Lonely – 10% Angry – 8%	Afraid – 5% Lonely – 10% Angry – 7%	Data point not available due to state- wide school closures on March 17, 2020 - COVID-19 pandemic.	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued	Note: Cognia surveys have been discontinued

ACTION PLAN FO	EVALUATION				
ACTIVITY	TIMELINE (Start and End Dates)	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Guidance class lesson and small group lessons	August, ongoing	Guidance Counselors, Admin Team, Teachers	-	-	Guidance lesson plans, improved score on annual survey
2. Mentor programs	August, ongoing	Guidance Counselor, Riverside HS students, community members	-	-	Programming agenda, parent, and student comments, improved score on annual survey
3. Bobcat Buddies	Sustained	Classroom teachers, Students	-	-	Pictures, celebrations