

# SAXE GOTHA ELEMENTARY

South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elizabeth Houck, Principal	Karen Jones, Teacher
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### WHAT IS STAR 360?

STAR 360 is a stable growth measure with trustworthy tools to guide educators and move students forward toward college and career readiness.

#### STAR Reading At/Above Benchmark

2nd Grade - Fall: 34%	Winter: 45%
3rd Grade - Fall: 47%	Winter: 55%
4th Grade - Fall: 51%	Winter: 61%
5th Grade - Fall: 43%	Winter: 52%

#### STAR Math At/Above Benchmark

2nd Grade - Fall: 31%	Winter: 46%
3rd Grade - Fall: 60%	Winter: 69%
4th Grade - Fall: 51%	Winter: 61%
5th Grade - Fall: 38%	Winter: 53%

#### STAR Early Literacy At/Above Benchmark

Kindergarten - Fall: 40%	Winter: 60%
1st Grade - Fall: 43%	Winter: 62%

## MISSION

*Our mission is to cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators and critical thinkers.*

## VISION

*To empower everyone to be leaders, thinkers and creators of tomorrow.*

## AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Walter P. Rawl Grant  
 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant  
 M.C.E.C. Bright Ideas Grant  
 Donors Choose Grants  
 Special Olympics Innovation Grant  
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## PROGRESS ON SIC GOAL FOR 2020-2021

Our School Improvement Council has continued to meet monthly on Zoom throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We are very grateful for the technological advances our district has made this past year since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The council is very proud of our teachers, students and families for demonstrating resilience, creativity, and collaboration throughout this school year.

With the restrictions on visitors allowed in the school building this year due to COVID-19, the council decided to focus on enhancing the school environment, including outdoor areas of our school. A grant was obtained from our PTA to purchase outdoor picnic tables for one of our courtyards. This area was used commonly for team building with our staff during lunch on virtual days. It is also a great space for a class working on a special project or any class engaging in learning activities outside.

The council is currently working on ways to improve our entrances so that parents and visitors are aware of the main entrance to our school. The bus loop area is commonly mistaken for the front of our school. We are working with our Central Services to add signage that will address this concern in order to make the main entrance more apparent to our visitors.

Our school is a Special Olympics Unified Champion School which includes purposeful planning of inclusion activities and events to promote positive interactions with students. A grant was obtained from Special Olympics to add two outdoor classrooms as well as an Equity vs. Equality garden to our courtyards. These outdoor spaces not only provide an additional learning environment for ALL of our students to engage in learning activities, but they also visually enhance these spaces of our school.

Our School Improvement Council is always looking for ways to improve our school climate and culture. We thank you for your support and welcome any suggestions you might have as we continue to Reach for the Stars TOGETHER.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*Michelin*  
*Midlands Reading Consortium*  
*Lowe's Foods*  
*Publix*  
*Mid-Carolina Electric Co-op*  
*WP Rawl Farms*  
*NextHome Specialists*  
*Harvest Hope*  
*Sole Stepping*  
*Dickerson Child Advocacy Center*  
*Columbia Martial Arts*  
*7 Oaks Plant Shop*  
*Hi-Cotton Greenhouses*  
*Wal-mart*  
*Highway 55*  
*Marco's Pizza*  
*Bojangles*  
*Lowe's*  
*Circle K*  
*State Farm*  
*FireFlies Baseball*  
*Radius White Knoll*  
*Covenant Community Church*  
*Saint James Lutheran*  
*Mt. Horeb United Methodist*  
*Red Bank United Methodist*  
*Lexington United Methodist*  
*Red Bank Baptist*  
*Northside Baptist*  
*Lexington Church of God*  
*St. Peter's Lutheran*

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