



A.J. Whittenberg Elementary
School of Engineering

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

November 14, 2014

Dear Parent,

Our School Report Card was recently released by the State Department of Education. For 2013-14, **A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering** achieved an Absolute Rating of **Excellent** and a Growth Rating of **Excellent**. The Report Cards are posted on our school district website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us.

- The Absolute Rating is based on SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) results for 2013-14 measured against target levels of performance.
- The Growth Rating indicates the progress of achievement scores for the same students from one year to the next.
- Report Cards also include our status toward meeting the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requirements. Our Federal ESEA grade for 2013-14 that was released several weeks ago is a **"A."**

The South Carolina School Report Card and ESEA grade results can be confusing because a school or school district can score well on the Report Card and not earn a high ESEA grade. Why? Absolute and Growth ratings for School Report Cards are based on student achievement at all levels of SCPASS - Not Met through Exemplary - in all tested content areas. Federal ESEA grades are based on a markedly different calculation using student achievement targets which go beyond basic proficiency in English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. ESEA targets are based on average student achievement and increase each year for each student subgroup.

I encourage you to study the School and District Report Cards and to use their release as an opportunity to be more involved with your child's education and our school. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to working with you to ensure that our school continues to improve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Megan D. Mitchell-Hoefer

Principal