



GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

2009-10

# Progress Report

## Goal 1:

Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student

- GCS has achieved international recognition as a high quality school system by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

*"Greenville County Schools has some of the finest schools district-wide that we have ever seen."*

*Dr. David Hurst, Chairman, AdvancED Worldwide, Quality Assurance Review Team*



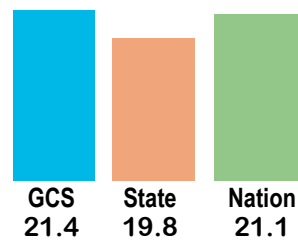
### High School Exit Exam 2008-2009

- 77.4% of students in their second year of high school passed the High School Exit Exam on their first attempt.

### College Entrance Tests

#### Average ACT Score - 2009

Outperforms the Nation!



\*36-Point Scale



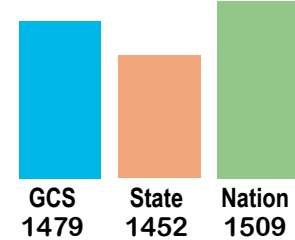
### Advanced Placement (AP)

- The percentage of AP exams qualifying for possible college credit increased from 51% in 2008 to 57% in 2009.

	2008	2009
# Students Tested	2,666	2,551
# Exams Taken	4,457	4,311
# Scores 3-5	2,273	2,455
% Scores 3-5	51%	57%

#### Average SAT Score - 2009

Outperforms the State!



## Goal 2: Ensure quality personnel in all positions

- Greenville County ranks 11th in the nation this year with 64 additional teachers becoming National Board Certified. GCS has a total of 562 NBCTs, more than 29 states.



### By the Numbers

- 98% of Teachers are Highly Qualified per No Child Left Behind Act Requirements
- 4,864 Teachers
- 60.1% of Teachers have Master's Degrees or Higher

## Goal 3: Provide a school environment supportive of learning

- GCS earned the Indoor Air Quality Leadership award from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- GCS buses travel 36,000 miles daily, transporting 26,850 students.

### Long-Range Facilities Plan and Capital Improvement Plan

The BEST (Building Equity Sooner for Tomorrow) School Construction Program provides quality school facilities built in a timely manner at less cost. 70 schools and centers have been completed under the BEST Program.



### Building Fund Budget

The Building Fund Budget pays for renovation and construction of schools. Most of the revenue is generated by the sale of general obligation bonds. The bonds are paid off through local property tax millage. Money from the Building Fund Budget cannot be used to fund General Fund Budget items.

## Goal 4: Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources

- Our low administrative cost of 1.5 cents per dollar maximizes funding to support our students.

### General Fund Budget

The General Fund Budget, commonly referred to as the "School District Budget," pays for day-to-day expenses such as teachers' and other employees' salaries, utilities, and supplies.

State revenue funds approximately two-thirds (64.85%) of the General Fund Budget. Local taxes provide approximately one-third (32.33%). For 2009-10, the fund balance provides the remainder.

General Fund expenditures are in seven categories.

Category	Percentage	Amount
Instruction	61.49%	\$ 261,145,927
Operations & Maintenance	13.57%	\$57,649,294
School Administration	7.79%	\$33,101,667
Instructional Support	7.56%	\$32,089,220
Auxiliary Services	6.44%	\$27,330,350
Other (Transfers)	2.51%	\$10,676,700
District Administration	0.63%	\$2,686,087
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$424,679,245</b>

(Current as of January 2010)

### School Report Cards

- 92.0% of Greenville County schools (79) received an Absolute Rating of Excellent, Good, or Average on their School Report Card.

School and District Report Cards show student progress against the 2010 goal of having student achievement ranked in the top half of the states nationally.



### Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

The Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) Tests replaced the 10-year-old Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT) as the state's accountability measurement for grades 3 through 8.

The scoring levels are Exemplary, Met, and Not Met.

### Greenville County Students Scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS

Subject	GCS	SC
Writing	72.0%	70.1%
ELA	74.4%	73.6%
Math	70.9%	70.0%
Science	69.7%	66.9%
Social Studies	74.3%	71.8%

### Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

- GCS met 92% of Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Objectives.

AYP requires that state standards are met for all students and for all student subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency. The school system has 37 goals and GCS schools have up to 33 goals.

### AYP Objectives Met

2008-09	34 of 37
2007-08	27 of 37

## Goal 5: Improve public understanding and support of public schools

- Updated District information is communicated to parents and the community through the GCS website, The Schools Channel (Charter 14 and 99), and Twitter updates.
- The School Messenger system calls 150,000 phone numbers weekly with non-emergency messages related to school and transportation activities.



### 2008-09 Volunteers

Volunteer Hours	644,458
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### Quick Facts

Students: 69,477  
Nation's 51st and State's  
Largest School District

Enrollment Increase  
Over Ten Years:  
9,560

2009  
Graduates:  
4,139

2009 National Merit  
Scholarship Finalists:  
23 Seniors

National Blue Ribbon Schools: 13  
Palmetto's Finest Schools: 20  
Newsweek's Best High Schools: 8