

## East North Street Academy of Math and Science

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Dear Parents of our East North Street Academy Students,

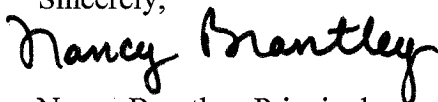
Our School Report Card was recently released by the State Department of Education. For 2010-11, **East North Street Academy** achieved an Absolute Rating of **Average**. School and District Report Cards are no longer printed due to State budget cuts. The Report Cards are posted on our school district website at [www.greenville.k12.sc.us](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us).

- The **Absolute** Rating is based on Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) results for 2010-11 measured against target levels of performance. This test is given to all of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 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 requirements of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. We met **28** out of **29** indicators for 2010-2011. We missed making all indicators by .8 of 1%. So very close. But, this tells us that all of our students taking this test and doing their very best on this test is very important. This is why our students need to be at school every day **ON TIME**, to hear the teachers' instructions for the day. Thank you for making this effort to get them here on time when your children are well.

The South Carolina School Report Card and AYP results can be confusing because a school or school district can score well on the Report Card and not achieve AYP. Why? Absolute and Growth ratings for School Report Cards are based on student achievement at all levels - Not Met through Exemplary - in all tested content areas. AYP is based on student achievement at the two highest levels – Met and Exemplary – in English/Language Arts (ELA) and math. School Report Cards provide results for students scoring at all levels of the assessment in reading and research, writing, math, science, and social studies. AYP targets for percentages of students scoring Met or Exemplary in ELA and math are established by the state and increase every three years through the year 2014, when 100 percent of students are expected to score Met or above. **If just one student group in a school or school district fails to meet one objective, as we did as explained above, in a given year, the school fails to meet AYP!**

I encourage you to study the School and District Report Cards on the district webpage and to use their release as an opportunity to be more involved with your child's education and our school. I am very pleased that we maintained our AVERAGE score and did not go down because this was the year that we had to increase our scores by 20 points. A difficult thing to do, but we made it! I look forward to working with you to ensure that our school continues to improve as we work toward excellence for all of our students. Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,



Nancy Brantley, Principal