Swansea Primary

RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	N/A	N/A
2002	Excellent	N/A
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	94.9%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	17.9 To 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	99.0%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	9.9

Type of accreditation
(More than one may apply)

_____ Not pursuing accreditation

_____ Conducting a self-study

___X___ State Department of Education

___X___ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

_____ National Association for the Education of Young Children

_____ American Montessori Society

SCHOOL PROFILE: Swansea Primary

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	$5,362	N/A	$5,362	$5,426
• Prime instructional time	86.0%	N/R	88.2%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	17.9 to 1	N/R	17.9 to 1	17.9 to 1
STUDENTS (n=411)				
• Attendance Rate	94.9%	N/A	95.6%	95.8%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	99.1%	N/A	97.7%	97.1%
• Retention rate	3.6%	N/A	3.7%	5.0%
TEACHERS (n=27)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	15.9 Days	N/R	15.9 Days	11.6 Days
• Attendance Rate	94.5%	N/R	94.5%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	14.8%	N/A	42.6%	43.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	N/A	83.8%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	73.3%	N/A	83.4%	87.5%
• Average teacher salary	$35,954	N/A	$38,595	$38,557

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.4%	N/A	65.4%	65.9%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/R	6.0	5.0
• Parents attending conferences	99.0%	N/R	99.0%	99.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/R	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	N/A	0.4%	0.4%
• Suspended or expelled	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
• With disabilities other than speech	2.9%	N/A	2.4%	3.1%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA
N/A - Not Applicable
N/C - Not Collected
N/R - Not Reported
I/S - Insufficient Sample

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been an exciting year for the students of Swansea Primary School. Some of our accomplishments and programs include:

1. 81.9 % of kindergarten students scored ready for first grade.
2. Our first and second grade students participated in an enrichment program that met the needs of gifted and talented students and provided assistance for those on academic plans. All first and second-graders participated in various units that extended the daily curricula.
3. An after school program was provided for at-risk students.
4. Swansea Primary School renewed its five-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
5. Fourteen of our teachers participated in the South Carolina Reading Initiative, a professional development program that supports best practices in teaching reading.
6. Lillian Atkins represented Swansea Primary as Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002 and was also selected as District Teacher of the Year.

Our PTO and School Improvement Council also greatly contributed to our success this year. Printers for every classroom were installed thanks to a PTO fundraiser. PTO sponsored community activities such as a Fall Festival, Community Rummage Sale, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Our PTO also provided informational workshops for parents at PTO meetings.

The School Improvement Council identified several challenges this year that have evolved into goals for the 2002-2003 school year. These goals include improving student attendance; continuing to improve school and community relations; and continuing to improve technology at the preK-2 level.

We are proud of our first year as Swansea Primary School. As we make instructional decisions based on the needs of students, we continue to strive for every child's success. We are glad our community is a part of that success.

Leslie Hightower, Principal

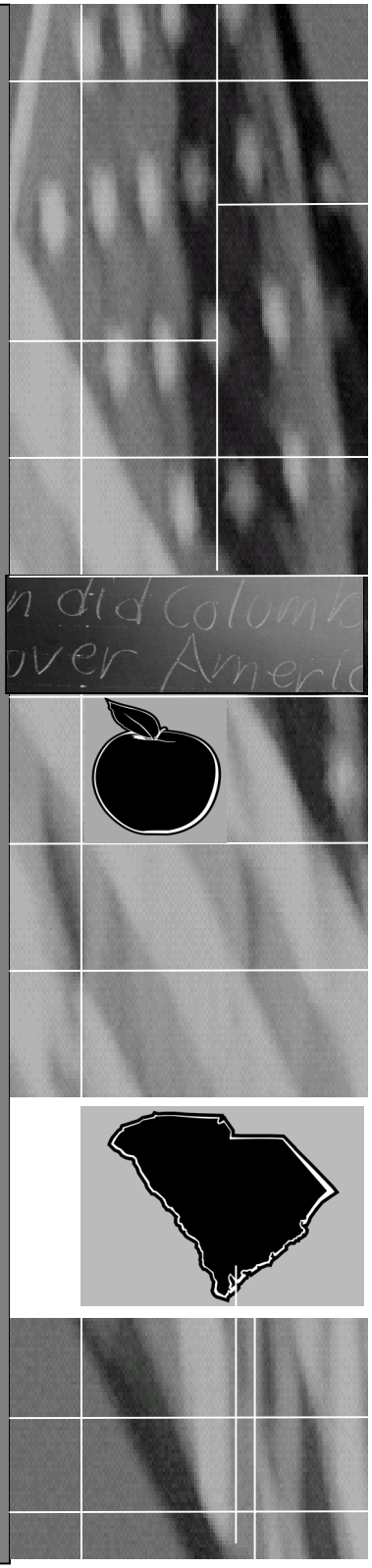
EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	27	0	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.2%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	77.8%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	77.8%	N/R	N/R

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

3204037



Swansea Primary
1195 I.W. Hutto Road
Swansea, SC 29160

Grades PK-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 411 Students

Principal
Leslie Hightower 803-568-1050

Superintendent
J. Franklin Vail 803-568-1000

Board Chair
Lawrence Livingston, Jr. 803-568-2328

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2002

Absolute Rating:
Excellent

Improvement Rating:
N/A

Absolute Ratings of Similar Schools

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
0	0	0	0	7

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

For more information, visit
www.myscschools.com or
www.sceoc.org