



River Eves Elementary School

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Dear River Eves Parents,

On Friday, October 25th, the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) released the 2019 College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) for all schools in Georgia. The CCRPI is the platform used to measure schools and districts; each school receives a rating on a 100-point scale. We are excited to announce that our 2019 score is a **91.1** which is over a four-point increase from last year (87.0)! Because of this rating, River Eves is now considered an “A” school by the state of Georgia. Until this year, the highest rating that River Eves has been awarded is an 88.7. We are exceptionally proud of this accomplishment and believe it to be a direct correlation with our focus on the following criteria:

- We provide all students with rigorous learning environments.
- We focus on student and staff growth measures.
- We believe in establishing positive working relationships with our students, parents and colleagues.

The majority of the CCRPI score derives from student performance on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessment. Overall, our 3rd-5th grade test data was exceptionally solid. In terms of areas for improvement, we experienced a decrease with students that scored in the achievement range of Levels 2-4 in Science. It is important to note that only 5th grade students take the Science & Social Studies portions of the GA Milestones assessment. We also continue to be mindful of **all students** and are vigilant in monitoring our subgroup data, which looks at performance factors related to race/ethnicity and populations that are served via specific programs based on district eligibility requirements.

Last school year, we established our teaching “Look For” strategies in the areas of English Language Arts & Mathematics instruction in all K-5th grade classrooms. This initiative offers instructional continuity as students make their way through River Eves Elementary. Our 3rd & 4th grade classrooms are structured where teachers are concentrating on delivering either Humanities content (ELA) or STEM content (math & science). Due to science and social studies being tested in 5th grade, this team is split where teachers are focusing on one of three instructional areas: reading & social studies integration, science & writing integration, or mathematics.

The Georgia Department of Education also recently released its annual School Climate Star ratings for all schools in Georgia. School climate refers to the quality and character of school life – the “culture” of a school. School climate ratings are based on student, staff & parent survey data; student attendance data; student discipline data & criteria determining if a school is a safe and substance free learning environment from the 2018-2019 school year. Each school is rated on a 1-5 scale with five stars representing an excellent school climate and one star representing a school climate in need of improvement. For the 2019 CCRPI ratings, the River Eves climate rating is **5 stars (98.6%)**. This is also the first time that River Eves has achieved a “five star” status on the state climate index. This is an exceptionally high rating and accomplishment for our school and community!

We believe that our school has an exceptional climate, and that’s partly because of your support as a parent or guardian. We also are proud of the many after school programs and clubs that are available for students, as well as the multitude of family events where parents and family members can come into the school to experience the amazing work that is being accomplished; these efforts directly impact the positive climate of our school. Our School Governance Council (SGC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA) & River Eves Education Foundation (REEF) are continuing to work in tandem to promote “Family First” initiatives to foster building relationships with families and the community at-large.

As principal, I am proud to represent a school that continually strives to improve. Thank you for your support as we continue this journey together.

Sincerely,

Matthew Donahoe

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