



## **Executive Summary: Garrison-Jones Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2017-18**

Garrison-Jones Elementary School has 678 students grades Prek to 5<sup>th</sup>, two administrators, 51 teachers, and 34 staff members. The mission of **Garrison-Jones Elementary** we believe that the purpose of education is to develop the whole child through a broad-based curriculum which fosters a positive self-concept, creativity, self-discipline, values and life skills. Garrison-Jones Elementary has met the requirements of the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

### **School Celebrations**

A review of our most recent school achievement data has given us reasons to celebrate and build upon as a school. Those improvements include:

- 1.) *Our school improved to a B school.*
- 2.) *Our school improved its FSA ELA proficiency by 4% and our L25 increased 14% in ELA.*
- 3.) *Our school had the highest Science learning gains among all elementary schools with an increase of 12%*
- 4.) *We are an AVID school for the fourth year*
- 5.) *We are a Reading Units of Study Pilot school for the 2017-2018 school year*

### **Primary Goals**

To accomplish our mission, Garrison-Jones has the following primary goals:

- 1) *By the end of the year, our ELA (Reading and Writing) students will increase their level of reading proficiency from 60% to 66%.*
- 2) *By the end of the year, our students will increase their level of mathematics proficiency from 65% to 75%*
- 3) *By the end of the year, our students will increase their level of science proficiency from 63% to 70%.*
- 4) *By the end of the year, our ESOL students will increase their level of reading proficiency from 26% to 50% on the 2016-2017 FSA ELA assessment.*
- 5) *By the end of the year, our ESE students will increase their level of reading proficiency from 39% to 55 % on the 2017-2018 FSA ELA assessment*

### **Key Strategies:**

The core instructional and monitoring strategies included in our action plans are:

- *We will provide a focus on Standards based and Student-Centered Instruction using reading units of study and a math leadership institute.*
- *We will be focusing on Restorative & Responsive practices to help all our students be successful in the classroom.*
- *There will be a focus on Small Group Instruction to include the use of Thinking Maps, Jan Richardson's Footprints, and Jan Richardson's Short Reads kits to help our ESE and ESOL students reach their academic goals.*
- *The students will have two evening of students led conferences one in the fall and one in the spring*
- *Teachers will use data binders, scales, and rubrics to help students to set their own academic goals based on their learning needs*
- *Teachers will confer with students and help them to set goals in each content area*

### **Professional Development**

*The professional development efforts will include the use of the year long Reading Units of Study in Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade practices, we will also be providing training on Thinking Maps throughout the school year for teachers to begin to roll out to their students, we will be focusing on the first four maps for this school year. There will also be a focus on mathematical practices through professional development using the Math Leadership*

### **Parent and Community Engagement**

*Parent engagement efforts Parent workshops on AVID, FSA workshops, how to Support FSA at home, and two scheduled students led conferences. Branch Ranch, Field Day, Annual Veteran's Day Recognition celebration, World Language International night sponsored by the PMAC club. We communicate weekly with our families using a weekly connect ed, our school's marquee, and monthly newsletters. Parents have access to our school vision and mission as it is listed on our*

*school's website, letter head, as well in our monthly newsletter. We care about kids and that is evident in the celebrations and school wide events mentioned above, our focus is to create and continue to develop a school that is part of the whole community of Dunedin.*

*For more information about Garrison-Jones Elementary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/garrison-es>*