

## Millwood Elementary School Wins Outstanding School Award

School honored for its outstanding implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics practices

July 8, 2019 — Millwood Elementary School in Sumter, South Carolina, won the 2019 Outstanding Elementary School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The school was honored at SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference on July 8 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Outstanding Elementary School Award recognizes a school in which at least 50 percent of teachers incorporate SREB's powerful literacy and mathematics practices as frameworks for daily instruction.

SREB's powerful literacy practices help teachers build meaningful literacy-based, standards-aligned assignments and empower them to own their personal professional growth and drive enhanced outcomes for their students. SREB's powerful mathematics practices offer teachers the instructional strategies they need to build students' procedural fluency while deepening their math knowledge and reasoning skills.

All teachers at Millwood Elementary now use powerful literacy and math practices in their classrooms. Principal Cornelius Leach completed over 250 observations as a literacy coach at the middle and high school levels and allotted staff professional development time for literacy and math at least once a week at the school. He also created a professional development coach position to offer additional support to his teachers. Student achievement is rising — Millwood outperformed the state and district on the 2018 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference helps K-12 teachers deepen their implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics tools and strategies that enhance students' content knowledge and reasoning skills.

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