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Young charter school grows leaps and bounds on state tests

SAVANNAH, Ga. – School is out for summer but teachers, staff and the Board of Trustees at Coastal Empire Montessori Charter School (CEMCS) are celebrating the excellent performance of their students on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests or CRCTs. The school saw growth in each discipline with Mathematics and Social studies reaching nearly 30% growth. In addition, 100% of third graders met or exceeded the standards in Reading.

CEMCO Students Meeting or Exceeding Standard on the 2014 Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT)		
Subject Area	% Increase from 2013 to 2014	% of Students Who Met or Exceeded Standard School-wide
Reading	+ 4%	97%
English/Language Arts	+ 12%	94%
Mathematics	+ 28%	70%
Science	+ 2%	75%
Social Studies	+ 28%	88%

CEMCS Board President Liliana Hudescu offered her thoughts on the school's successes:

"The strategic intent of last year's reorganization was to create a structure that would foster excellence for our students and employees. All parties have aligned to the new direction and have fulfilled their roles with dedication. The results speak for themselves: our students have delivered a strong academic performance, all but a few families are returning, and 100% of our lead teachers are continuing on with CEMCO. In order to further strengthen the foundation set in place and ensure future sustainability of our program, beginning this summer, all teachers not formally-trained in Montessori will embark upon training through accredited organizations and will form an even more vibrant professional learning community here at the school."

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