SUMTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

"Home of MVPS"

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Dear Students, Parents, Community Members, Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Sumter County Intermediate School! It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Principal and to work alongside our dedicated teachers, staff, students, and families in ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow, excel, and thrive.

At SCIS, our mission is to **challenge**, **nurture**, **and support students on their journey toward graduation**. We believe that each of our students grades 4-6 possesses unique talents, strengths, and the potential to become true motivators, visionaries, and problem-solvers (our "MVPs" mantra).

This year, we'll continue focusing on a few key goals that help us live out that mission every day:

- Academic Excellence: We're committed to providing engaging, rigorous learning experiences
 that help our students think critically and dream big.
- Positive School Culture: We're building a community rooted in kindness, respect, and responsibility. Every child deserves to feel safe, valued, and proud to be a part of SCIS.
- Partnership with Families: We know that when parents and schools work together, amazing
 things happen. Your involvement-whether it's volunteering, attending school events, or simply
 talking with your child about their school day-makes all the difference.
- **Smooth Transitions:** These 4th–6th grade years are such an important bridge between elementary and middle school. Our teachers and staff are here to support students as they grow more independent, confident, and ready for what's ahead.

To our students: Believe in yourself! Ask questions, take chances, and never stop learning. You are capable of incredible things.

To our parents and guardians: Thank you for trusting us with your children. Your support and partnership are the heartbeat of our success.

Let's make this school year our best one yet-filled with joy, curiosity, and growth. My door is always open, and I'm looking forward to celebrating all of the wonderful things our students will accomplish together.

With gratitude and excitement,

Dr. Mohan Gugulothu

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