



# *James F. Byrnes High School*

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## Annual School Improvement Council **Report to the Parents**

**2021-2022**

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of James F. Byrnes High School is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

### **Vision Statement**

James F. Byrnes High School will pursue exemplary educational opportunities and academic excellence in order to improve the quality of life for our students and community.

### **Beliefs**

We believe that...

- Children are our most valuable resource.
- Public education is a pillar of our society.
- Integrity is taught by example.
- Excellence is achievable.
- Mutual respect is beneficial.
- Knowledge empowers.
- Diversity strengthens.
- Family is the foundation of society.
- Children need supportive adult role models.
- Attitude makes a difference.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Personal responsibility serves the common good.
- Stewardship of resources maintains trust.

We greatly appreciate the following individuals for their service to our school community through the 21-22 Byrnes School Improvement Council.

Community Members

James Alford  
Jeanette Benson  
Victor Dunn  
Rita Simmons  
Stephanie Wells

Parents

LJ Anderson  
Ashlee Mattas  
Angie Mullins

Students

Todd "TJ" Hardy  
Carson Homan  
Haley Lister  
Anna McClary

Teachers

Billy Anderson  
Michael Jett  
Krista Wingo

Ex-officio

Principal Erin Greenway  
Assistant Principal Valerie Feiling  
Teacher of the Year Heather Poore

Over the course of our school year, our **School Improvement Council** reviewed the following topics:

We reviewed the committee's by-laws and also voted on officers within our committee. Billy Anderson was selected as chair-person, Krista Wingo was selected as vice chair-person, and Carson Holman was selected as secretary. Mrs. Greenway reviewed the summer events, our many methods of parent and community contact and also our plans if the upcoming bond referendum passed.

Our SIC was treated to an athletic report given by our athletic director Tony Gillespie, a fine arts report given by Bryan Bone, and an ROTC report given by Colonel Rhea Dobson. In addition, principal Mrs. Greenway shared with us about how our school was putting in place programs and policies in order to support our students and staff with social and emotional needs.

SIC was given a presentation by our lead Resource Officer Derek Roper on the over incidents and safety of our school. We were pleased to hear that incidents were trending down and that they were in the process of increasing security measures for the safety of our students and staff. Mrs. Greenway updated the committee with a status of the construction on the new softball stadium and new track surface. She also shared with us about upcoming programs aimed at helping to raise our overall graduation rate.

Our SIC committee was also pleased to discuss the results of our bond referendum passing. Our principal Mrs. Greenway shared the following information with us about the district plans:

New softball stadium will be ready in the spring  
New track should be ready soon  
Adding an elementary school/off of highway 29 kindergarten-5th grade  
Adding a middle school/ adjacent to Abner Creek Academy 6-8th grade  
Phase 2 and 3 of the renovations at Byrnes High School

Representatives from RD Anderson and SC Master Skills Center (SCMSC) schools participated in Zoom sessions to share information about the campuses, student body, and growth. Mrs. Crystal Kingsmore, RD Anderson Assistant Director, described the electives that our students take along with the Woodruff and Dorman High students. Director Joshua Caggiano from the county wide program at SCMSC helped the committee understand how the program is an extension of RD Anderson to meet the needs of the Spartanburg County schools and demands of local businesses with the growth in the community.