



Richard Carroll Elementary School  
 School Improvement Council  
 Annual Report to Parents  
 2023-2024

South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state’s School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

**Progress on School Improvement Council Goals**

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) continues to make progress. This year, our School Improvement Council has focused on streamlining its goals with school goals in order to ensure all plans are aligned with a common mission. Goal 1 was written around academic achievement while Goal 2 concentrated on improving the overall school climate. The SIC and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) decided to work together to accomplish these goals. Goal 3 focused on creating bylaws for the School Improvement Council. Moving forward, Goals 1 and 2 will continue next year and goal 3 was accomplished.

The Richard Carroll Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has been an integral part in helping the SIC meet its goal to improve the school climate. The PTO hosted events such as:

- Student Incentive Parties for academics and positive behavior
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Events each nine weeks
- Family Engagement Activities  
(Muffins w/Mom, Donuts w/Dad, Grits w/Grown-ups, Fall Carnival, Sneaker Ball)
- And much more....



<u>Programs</u>	<u>Community Outreach</u>	<u>Recognitions and Awards</u>
University of South Carolina Salkehatchie STEM Original Six Foundation After-School Safety Patrol Good News Club Backpack Buddies 4-H Club	The Cheez 'N' Cracker Ronald McDonald House	Jr. Service League Grant Recipient SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grant SC State Fair Award Winner

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**AMIRA Benchmark: State-approved dyslexia screener:** The South Carolina Department of Education requires all kindergarten and first grade students to be screened three times a year for dyslexia. RCES administers the Amira Benchmark Screener to students as a way to screen for potential deficiencies in phonemic awareness and phonics. Students are given timed tasks to measure fluency in letter naming, first sound fluency, phonemic segmentation, nonsense words, and oral reading fluency. If a student is identified on this screener, further testing is administered.

5K students identified for further testing: 18

1st grade students identified for further testing: 10

**DRA2: Developmental Reading Assessment (2nd Edition):** Teachers and interventionists individually administer the Developmental Reading Assessment (2nd Edition) three times a year. DRA2 provides teachers with information that helps them determine each student’s independent reading level and identify what the student needs to learn next. The following data represents winter DRA2 results. Spring results were not available at the time of this publication.

5K DRA2 Levels 73% on grade level	1st grade DRA2 Levels 46% on grade level	2nd grade DRA2 Levels 65% on grade level	3rd grade DRA2 Levels 45% on grade level
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**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):** MAP assessment is a standards-based computer adaptive achievement test given in Mathematics and Reading. The computer adjusts the difficulty of the questions so that each student takes a unique test. The difficulty of each question is based on how well the student has answered previous questions.

Grade Level	Reading (% Average or Higher)	Math (% Average or Higher)
3rd Grade	53%	46%
4th Grade	51%	40%
5th Grade	50%	52%
6th Grade	58%	58%

**The South Carolina College and Career Ready Assessment (SC READY):** SCReady is a statewide assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. All students in grades 3–8, including students with disabilities and English learners (ELs), must be administered SC READY.

Grade Level	ELA (% Meets or Exceeds)	Math (% Meets of Exceeds)
3rd Grade	45.6%	39.2%
4th Grade	42.5%	28.7%
5th Grade	41.9%	31.2%
6th Grade	36.7%	27.8%



## A Special Thanks to Our Community Partners

- Piggly Wiggly
- Phoenix Specialty Mfg. Co.
- The Works Physical Therapy, LLC
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Pinson
- Bamberg Veterinary Clinic
- Green Leaf Storage
- Mary Jane's School of Dance
- Hiers Drugstore
- Mr. Ronnie Smith
- Hubbard Bowers (Runelle Weeks)
- Carroll Mortuary
- Bamberg Legal, LLC
- Buz'n Blaze Catering
- BioLogic P&O, LLC
- Palmetto Care Connections
- 5M Farms
- Ness & Jett
- Palmetto Cuts
- Patricia Izlar, CPA
- Chris and Richard Ness
- Bamberg Family Practice
- Edisto Engineers and Surveyors, Inc
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- Enterprise Bank
- South State Bank
- Main Street Garden and Gifts
- FoodShare Bamberg
- Edwards & Garrett Orthodontists
- Beaubouf Chiropractic Center
- C&C's Caffeine
- Sweet's Discount Tire & Complete Auto Repair, LLC
- DJ Shaniqua
- Trinity Methodist Church
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Bamberg First Baptist Church
- Bamberg Law Firm
- Columbia Jazz Foundation
- Home Federal Savings and Loan
- Sweet's Discount Tire
- Board of Public Works
- BCS - Baldwin Construction Services, LLC

### SIC Members

Carla Jowers, Chair  
Annette Gunnells, Parent  
Venus Johnson, Parent  
Whitley Raysor, Parent  
Davia Smith, Parent  
Jeni Bunch, Community Member  
Awena Hurst, Community Member  
Laura Buss, Community Member  
Kevin Dalton, Community Member  
Cynthia Kilgus, Teacher  
Barbara Turner, Teacher  
Erica Glover, Teacher  
Lynda Warren, Teacher  
Mandy Edwards, Principal

**We Are Richard Carroll Elementary School and Together We:**

**Learn with Passion,**

**Lead with Integrity,**

**and Succeed with Confidence!**