

# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



DENMARK-OLAR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (2017)

## About Your SIC

Your School Improvement Council (SIC) is part of a state-wide network that is dedicated to helping South Carolina public school students. Every school in South Carolina must have an SIC that includes parents, teachers, students, and community members. The SIC meets each month to analyze results of school initiatives, share ideas, and work on projects that benefit the school.

The SIC is part of the school and district strategic planning process. The SIC advises the school principal. SIC representatives serve on school and district planning committees. The SIC does not raise funds, but it works closely with other groups that seek out funding sources. Your SIC is open to all parents, students, teachers, and community members.



The 2016-2017 Denmark-Olar High School SIC

## Our Activities and Projects:

- \* Strategic Planning
- \* Healthy Schools Initiative
- \* Literacy Initiative

## South Carolina SIC

The South Carolina School Improvement Council supports local councils across the state. The organization provides training to schools and districts, and supports their work through publications, a web site, and support staff. Each year the South Carolina SIC holds a meeting to provide legislative updates and recognize outstanding local organizations.



Representatives of the DOHS SIC at the state meeting.

## Your 2016-2017 SIC

Myrtis Williams, Chair  
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## School Improvement Council Report to the People 2016-2017

### Strategic Planning Update.

Your local SIC continues to support our district mission:

THE MISSION of Bamberg School District Two is to develop ethical and globally competitive students by providing rigorous, life and career educational experiences supported by innovative, qualified and dedicated professionals.

The SIC participated in the year-one update of our school literacy plan and school renewal plan. Based on the review of results, we proposed the following goals for 2017-2018:

- A . Support student academic success.
- B. Support a positive and equitable school climate
- C. Support the recruitment, retention, and development of a high quality faculty and staff.

### Healthy School Initiative

Your School Improvement Council continued our partnership with the Healthy School Initiative. We continued to focus on improving the health of students, faculty, and staff. We know that students who are in poor health are more likely to experience academic problems. This year's accomplishments include:

- "Vikings on the Move" STEM Night table to help parents and students use technology to track their healthy activities.
- Career Day Healthy Schools Activities
- Maintenance of a stress-free zone for teachers, administrators, and staff.



### Accreditation Update

As part of our process to maintain our AdvancED accreditation, in May our district received a visit from an External Review Team. The team will review our progress toward our Improvement Priorities, and provide advice on how we can continue to improve.

### Alumni Support

The Center for Rural Education, an alumni group, continued its practice of donating a laptop computer to each of the top 5 male and top 5 female DOHS sophomores (based on GPA). Pictured above, parents and the delighted students with their lap tops.



### Projects:

In order to support school goals, your SIC focused on the areas of health and literacy. Literacy efforts included support for a "Books and Blankets initiative, in cooperation with a community organization, "Community Connect." We also supported student participation in the Dogwood Festival Run/Walk for Diabetes. Four students received activity tracking bands to help document their steps toward good health.



Above: Run/Walk for Diabetes completers Kevin Middleton, Jimmie Mercer, Chris Priester, and Ky'mani Miller.  
Above right: Jimmie Mercer's Activity Tracking Band.