

School Improvement Council Members

Elected Members

Teri Lawson, Teacher
Lennah Farr, Teacher
Yajaira Crocker, Parent
Tammy Fisher, Teacher
Whitney Phillips, Parent
Kenny Puckett, Parent

Appointed Members

Christina Cody, Community Member
Brad Phillips, Community Member
Brittany Rakestraw, Community Member

Ex-Officio Members

Stacy McAbee, Principal
Andrea Robinson, Assistant Principal

Buffalo Elementary School takes pride in providing students with dedicated, caring, and certified teachers who possess a love of teaching and learning. Our goal is to provide students with learning experiences and opportunities to help all students reach their full potential. As a Title I school, we value input and involvement from our educational partners and stakeholders. We understand the importance of utilizing a variety of resources and strategies in order to meet the needs of our students. Helping students and parents understand what their child is learning and how to take an active role in their education helps to ensure we are all working together toward our goal, student success! Creating a culture and love for learning is our mission. At Buffalo Elementary, we value and support each other. We know that working together toward common goals and with a shared vision of putting students first, that we can accomplish more and help students to be successful.



Union County Schools and its stakeholders commit to students first in building community, excellence, and life-long learning.

Enrollment: 554
Grades: PK-5th
Location: Buffalo, SC
District: Union County School District

2025 SC School Report Card
Overall Rating:
Below Average

SC READY Students in 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grades completed the SCREADY State Assessment in ELA and Math in Spring 2025. Fourth grade students also completed SC Ready in science. Our data demonstrates growth in the following areas from Spring 2024-2025	% of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds in Math		
		2024	2025
	3 rd Grade	23.2%	26.8%
	4 th Grade	34.6%	30.6%
	5 th Grade	15.2%	23.2%
	% of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds in Reading		
		2024	2025
	3 rd Grade	26.1%	37.5%
	4 th Grade	34.6%	35.5%
	5 th Grade	36.7%	43.9%



Buffalo Elementary School
One Vision...One Team...One Buffalo

School Improvement Council Report to the People 2026

Our Mission

Buffalo Elementary School and its stakeholders strive to provide students with an exceptional education in a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment that builds a foundation for lifelong learning.

Our Vision

Our vision is to prepare students for their future by instilling the knowledge, experiences, and foundations necessary to become successful, independent adults.

#itsagreatdaytobe aBuffalo

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SIC Goals

School Goal #1 School Climate

PERFORMANCE GOAL: The percentage of teachers, parents, and students who report satisfaction with school climate as measured by annual report card surveys will be equal to or greater than 95%. If the 2025 baseline in 2025 is less than 95% then the percentage will increase by 2% annually.

School Goal #2 Student Achievement iReady/SC Ready

Student Achievement Goal #1: The percentage of students in K-2 who will read on grade level in reading and who will meet grade level proficiency in mathematics by the end of the year, as measured by the iReady Diagnostic Assessment, will increase by 4 percentage points yearly from a baseline established in 2025.

Student Achievement Goal #2: The percentage of students in grades 3-5 meeting and exceeding typical growth on iReady Diagnostic Assessments in reading and math will meet or exceed 60% by 2030-31 (fall to spring). For grades meeting or exceeding 60%, percentages will increase by one percent annually.

Student Achievement Goal #3: The percentage of students in grades 3-5 scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC Ready state assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase 5 percentage points yearly from the 2024-25 baseline 40.7 (ELA) and 28% (math).

Student Achievement Goal #4: The percentage of students with disabilities in grades 3-5 scoring Does Not Meet Expectations on SC Ready state assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics will decrease 4 percentage points yearly from the 2024-25 baseline 90% (ELA) and 88% (math).

School Goal #3

Teacher Quality Goal: The number of educators with advanced degrees will increase from a baseline of 61.8% to 75% in 2030-2031.



About Us

Buffalo Elementary School, located at 733 Main Street in Buffalo, South Carolina, is part of the Union County School District around serves around 545 students from Pre-K through 5th grade. With smaller class size, students benefit from more personalized attention in the classroom. Nearly all students at Buffalo Elementary qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, showing the school's important role in supporting families in the community. The student body is proudly diverse, made up of 44.6% White, 37.7% Black or African American, 13.7% multiracial, 3.4% Hispanic or Latino, and 0.18% American Indian students.

Buffalo Elementary is working hard to improve academic performance. On the 2025 South Carolina State Report Card, 28% of students met grade-level standards in math, and 40.7% met grade-level standards in reading and language arts. Although these numbers are currently below the state averages, the school is focused on helping students grow and succeed.

Purpose

The purpose of the School Improvement Council (SIC) is to serve as a collaborative advisory body that works in partnership with school leadership to improve student achievement and enhance the overall educational experience. The SIC brings together parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and students (where appropriate) to develop, monitor, and support the implementation of the school's improvement goals.

The council provides input on school policies, initiatives, and strategies, promotes transparency and accountability, and fosters strong family and community engagement. Through regular meetings and active participation, the SIC helps ensure that the school's vision, goals, and practices reflect the needs and priorities of all stakeholders.

We are Better Together!

Together, we are a TEAM. We are FAMILY. We are BUFFALO!