School Improvement Council Members

Elected Members

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

Appointed Members

Heather Barnado, Community Member, 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.

Enrollment: 468 Grades: 4K-5th

Location: Buffalo, SC

District: Union County School District

2024 SC School Report Card Overall Rating: Unsatisfactory

SCREADY	% of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds in Math		
Students in 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grades completed the SCREADY State Assessment in ELA and Math in Spring 2024.		2023	2024
	3 rd Grade	35.4%	23.2%
	4 th Grade	28,6%	34.6%
Fourth grade students also completed SC Ready in science. Our data demonstrates growth in the following areas from Spring 2023-2024.	5 th Grade	27.4%	15.2%
	% of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds in Reading		
		2023	2024
	3 rd Grade	40.5%	26.1%
	4 th Grade	33.8%	34.6%
	5 th Grade	39.7%	36.7%



Buffalo Elementary School

One Vision...One Team...One Buffalo

School Improvement Council Report to the People 2025

Our Mission

Buffalo Elementary School and its stakeholders are 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.

#itsagreatdaytobeaBuffalo

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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 470 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 49.2% White, 36.2% Black or African American, 13.4% multiracial, and 2.3% Hispanic or Latino students.

Buffalo Elementary is working hard to improve academic performance. On the 2024 South Carolina State Report Card, 32% of students met grade-level standards in math, and 31% 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.

SIC Goals

School Goal #1

School Climate

The percentage of parents/guardians and students who report satisfaction with school climate as measured by annual report card surveys will increase from the baseline percentage for each group by 2% each year. Baseline date is from the 2021 SC School Report Card.

School Goal #2

Student Achievement

SC Ready

The percentage of students in grade 3 –5 scoring meets or exceeds on SC Ready state assessments in ELA and Math will increase 5 percentage points yearly from the 2021 baseline 28.2% (ELA) and 25.6% (math).

iReady

100% of students 5K—5th grade will demonstrate growth. 65% of students will meet or exceed their typical growth goal.

35% of students will meet or exceed their stretch growth.

School Goal #3 Teacher/Administrator Quality

The number of educators with advanced degrees will increase by 2% each year from a baseline of 61.0% in 2020-21 to 71.0% in 2025-26.

Administrators will attend and participate in a minimum of five PD opportunities and/or book studies to strengthen instructional and overall school leadership.

School Goal #4

Customer Service

The Buffalo experience is to provide prompt and positive service with a team mindset. 80% or higher of survey responses will report being greeted promptly and positively and served upon entry.

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 a family. We are Buffalo!