

## York Comprehensive High School

### SIC Report to Parents 2024

Our school has a rich history of fostering academic excellence, extracurricular achievements, and strong community connections. However, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. As we embark on this journey together, our focus is on creating an inclusive, engaging, and innovative learning environment that supports every student's needs.

We aim to improve in the following key areas:

**Academic Achievement:** Our goal is to ensure every student has access to a high-quality education. We work to increase graduation rates, provide additional resources for college and career readiness, and enhance our curriculum to prepare students for the future. Students have many opportunities to improve their academic accomplishments through Saturday school and after-school enrichment.

**School Climate and Culture:** A positive school environment is essential for learning. We focus on creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful space for all students and staff. This includes addressing personal conflicts, promoting mental health, and encouraging positive behavior. Our PBIS initiative is growing as we include donations from local businesses and look at the whole student when we reward improvements in behavior.

**Parent and Community Involvement:** We believe that strong partnerships with parents and the community are crucial for our success. We invite you to be active participants in our school improvement efforts, attend meetings, volunteer and be a voice for the school in the community. In March, SIC conducted a parent meeting at the Divine Savior Catholic Church. As a result, we made stronger connections with our growing Hispanic population. We will continue creating more of these meetings in other houses of worship in the coming year.

**Extracurricular Opportunities:** Extracurricular activities play a significant role in students' development. We plan to expand our programs to include more sports, arts, and other activities that encourage teamwork, leadership, and creativity. Students have participated in drama productions and also our award-winning FFA classes put on a petting zoo for the community as well as a plant sale in the spring.

**Technology and Innovation:** In today's digital age, technology is a vital tool for learning. We invest in technology to support teaching and learning, providing students with the skills

they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world. We encourage our teachers to participate in the district Student-Centered Learning Cohorts. These sessions provide collaboration across the district and constructive, reflective feedback. Teachers take this knowledge and create a hybrid classroom environment where students have choice and voice in their learning and mastery of standards-based concepts.

Together, we can make York Comprehensive High School a place where every student can thrive. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to working with you to achieve our shared goals. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school.

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