### **ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS**

### **APRIL 2024**

# NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL



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

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#### **Mission**

Working together with the student, the parent, and the community, Northwestern High School will establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing, challenging, and guiding all students toward their maximum academic, vocational, artistic, physical, social, and emotional potential.

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## **Progress on SIC Goals**

Our School Improvement Council convenes monthly on the first Monday of each month. This year, our primary focus has been enhancing the school climate and fostering a positive culture. As part of our efforts, we organized two lively Fun Lunches featuring food trucks, games, and music, which were thoroughly enjoyed by our students.

In recognition of outstanding contributions, we present two monthly staff awards: Teacher of the Month and Difference Maker. Teacher of the Month is chosen based on student submissions, while staff nominations help identify the Difference Maker on campus. The Teacher of the Month is honored with a distinguished "TOM" chain (pictured below), while Difference Makers receive a symbolic ring (also pictured below), generously sponsored by Jostens.

We're delighted to share that our recent in-house survey indicates a positive trajectory, affirming our progress in enhancing school climate and culture.

Report: (Spring 2023) The level of teacher and staff morale is high at my school-50.4% mostly agree or agree Report: (Fall 2023) The level of teacher and staff morale is high at my school-76.7% mostly agree or agree

To encourage positive behavior, we partnered with a few local businesses and parents to provide gift cards and swag to students who displayed positive behaviors and no referrals.

Report: (Fall 2023) 75% of our students did not receive a referral first semester.

To improve Math & English EOC scores, we've invited Community Members and parents to serve as tutors. Our district's instructional framework values the practice of small group instruction and tutors allow this practice to take place more efficiently.







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