



**SULLIVAN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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## REPORT TO PARENTS 2021-2022

Sullivan Middle School is a Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program School in the Rock Hill School District, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. We pride ourselves on providing an education that goes beyond the standards of academics.

We are preparing our students to be leaders of the future. We strive to build relationships first through the IB Learner Profile Qualities: Caring, Reflective, Principled, Communicators, Inquirers, Open-Minded, Risk-Taker, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, and Balanced. We are building changemakers in the world.

Sullivan teachers are trained as nationally recognized International Baccalaureate Educators, which encourages them to be a voice in the field of education. We offer a unique combination of IB and Dual Language Immersion (French & Spanish).

Sullivan Middle School will provide a safe learning environment in which faculty and families support and encourage lifelong learning to foster physical, emotional intellectual and social growth, inspiring students to be responsible and productive citizens of the world.

## GOALS FOR 2021-2022

### **GOAL 1. Improve Teacher and Staff Climate through Family and Community Encouragement.**

Upon returning to school in the fall of 2021, teachers, staff, and students were excited to come back to full-time face-to-face learning. During the first weeks of the school year the challenges of returning to school during a pandemic became overwhelmingly apparent. Because of numerous positive COVID-19 cases and close contacts, students and teachers followed CDC and school protocols taking many of them into quarantine for days or weeks. There were a high number of teachers out and this caused a strain on substitute resources. Many coaches, counselors, teachers, and administrators would have to fill in for teachers that are out, taking them away from their regular duties.

Additionally, some students had not been in a classroom for a year and a half and were in middle school for the first time. Teachers saw that students had fallen behind in reading and math skills, along with the emotional/behavior changes that happen in middle school. This situation created a challenge for teachers on what and how to teach the kids at various levels of learning.

### Principal

Dr. Juan Roldan

### Assistant Principals

Artarshia Lyons 6<sup>th</sup>

Shana Hannibal 7<sup>th</sup>

Gwendolyn Lindsey 8<sup>th</sup>

### 2021-2022 SIC Members

#### Elected

Mary Ann Kennedy, Chair  
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Hollie Yi, Vice Chair  
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#### Teachers

Stephanie Peavy

Megan Woodall

#### Community Members

Rev. Suzanne Ringer, OBC

Judy Rauppis, NAMI

Dr. Dave Vawter, Winthrop

Julia Beaty, CFEC

Parent/PTO President  
Ex-Officio Member

Izabela Haas



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### Goal 1 Actions

- \* Impact Church participated in a beautification project on school grounds to help prepare for back to school- July 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* Uniform drive by Oakland Baptist Church (OBC)- 66 families served, which is the highest % of Middle Schools in the district (39%)- August
- \* Parents and students created welcome back posters for teachers on first day back- August 9th
- \* Representatives from the SIC and PTO spoke at the faculty meeting in conjunction to show support of teachers and staff- August 10th
- \* Worked with OBC to provide luncheon for the staff as they do their planning- August 11th
- \* Participated with PTO in setting-up a table at Open House to encourage participation and get contact information for help with events- August 26th
- \* The SIC worked with school partner Oakland Baptist Church and other community members for teacher treats and gifts
- \* The Sullivan Immersion Parent's Facebook page was reopened to ALL Sullivan families to help streamline communication efforts
- \* The SIC worked with the PTO to create activities to foster a positive work environment including a Teacher Treat Cart, Nailed It Teacher Night, Forte Legato Coffee Truck visits, Falcon Spotlight (Faculty & Student) as a part of the weekly newsletter
- \* A new behavior system that reinforces good behavior and holds students accountable for their actions was implemented in January.

### GOAL 2. Improve Student Mental, Emotional, and Academic Health through Family and Community Support

The 2021-2022 school year brought forth numerous challenges unlike any met before by the Sullivan Family, as well as the rest of the world. Some students were walking into a brand-new school environment and an entirely new group of people. The teachers had to figure out how to manage classes full of students with different learning abilities and assist students with understanding how to behave in a classroom with high expectations and accountability. COVID-19 protocols were still in place during most of the school year, and this limited the SIC's ability to help in these areas.

### Goal 2 Actions

- \* The SIC created a monthly newsletter that highlights ways families can engage with their students about their school environment and how they can help. The newsletter was made to be for parents, by parents.
- \* Blood Drive on October 15, 2021 to support our blood banks
- \* Participation in the "NAMI Walks Your Way" on October 9, 2021 to help bring awareness to the seriousness of mental health
- \* The SIC worked with Oakland Baptist Church volunteers to pair tutors with students most in need. Due to COVID protocols, this was not able to be completed. Our goal is to start this program for next year.
- \* The SIC explored implementing a mentorship program with Winthrop University. Winthrop students were to be paired with students struggling with behavior and academic setbacks. Again, this was not completed due to COVID protocols.





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**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

“This Report is issued by the Sullivan School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

## MAP TESTING GROWTH TARGETS

Percentage of students who met/exceeded MAP Growth Targets

Fall 2021 to Winter 2022		
Grade Level	Math	ELA
6 <sup>th</sup>	43.3%	42.2%
7 <sup>th</sup>	55.9%	57.3%
8 <sup>th</sup>	50.6%	65.4%
Winter 2022 to Spring 2022		
Grade Level	Math	ELA
6 <sup>th</sup>	59.8%	62.1%
7 <sup>th</sup>	65.6%	60.5%
8 <sup>th</sup>	55.8%	47.6%
Fall 2021-Spring 2022		
Grade Level	Math	ELA
6 <sup>th</sup>	49.2%	52.9%
7 <sup>th</sup>	67%	67.9%
8 <sup>th</sup>	51.8%	59.3%

## OUTSTANDING FEATURES & PROGRAMS

- ✓ MYP-International Baccalaureate Program
- ✓ Winthrop University Professional Development Partner School
- ✓ Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program
- ✓ French Dual Language Immersion Program
- ✓ Spanish, French and Chinese Language Program
- ✓ School-wide Enrichment Program

