

BARNWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY April 2026

South Carolina Statue (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.

School Improvement Council Members

- Kay Gooding, Principal
- Mark Carson, Assistant Principal, Secretary
- Vickie Black, Community Member, Chair
- Hilary Hindman, Community Member
- Tori Huggins, Parent
- Teresa Martin, Teacher
- Michaela Mitchell, Teacher
- Kruti Patel, Parent

Our School Improvement Council has continued to meet virtually on the first Monday of each month throughout the 2025-2026 school year. This school year the council focused on ways to communicate positively with our staff, families and community members.



Fast Fact:
Student Enrollment: 444
Certified Staff: 36

Our Mission

Barnwell Elementary School is committed to preparing students for lifelong success by providing individualized learning experiences.

Our Core Values

Innovation, Integrity, Investment, and Community

Our Annual Goals

- By the end of the 2025-2026 academic school year, the percentage of our students, parents, and teachers satisfied with the learning environment, physical environment, and home-school relations will increase to 99% in all areas.
- By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Barnwell Elementary School will annually increase the percentage of students performing at or above state averages as defined by the following data points: iReady ELA and Math Performance and SC Ready ELA and Math Meeting & Exceeding Standard.
- By the end of the 2025-2026 academic school year, the attendance rate of both certified and classified staff will increase annually

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School Happenings

- Student performances in academics and the arts included our Holiday Band Concert and our annual Evening with the Arts featuring choral performances, skits, poetry, and art displays.
- Barnwell Elementary welcomed parents and visitors into the building this year at our New Volunteer Program, Grandparents' Breakfast, Fall Carnival, Family Literacy Night, and STEM Night.
- Barnwell Elementary celebrated measurable academic growth through its PowerUp initiative, recognizing students who achieved their i-Ready Stretch Growth goals in both reading and math. These celebrations—complete with games, music, and prizes—highlight the school's commitment to motivating students through data-driven goal setting and recognition.
- Barnwell Elementary celebrated outstanding staff, including Teacher of the Year Ms. Lisa Richberg and Support Staff Member of the Year Mr. Kenneth Creech, highlighting a culture of excellence and dedication. The school also strengthened community partnerships through initiatives like a local police-led school supply drive, ensuring students have access to essential materials.

Enhancing the Curriculum

- To address the area of need related to student performance, the following steps are actively being taken: Providing a reading interventionist and math interventionists to provide remediation for students with academic deficiencies. Continuing to maximize and protect instructional time in the master schedule, including WIN (What I Need) two 30-minute sessions of remediation/enrichment for all students. BES's structured WIN Time model continued to draw attention across the district, with other schools beginning to replicate elements of the schedule and intervention approach after seeing positive student growth outcomes.
- To address the area of need related to teacher and administrator quality, the school launched multiple cycles of Instructional Rounds aligned to the Danielson Framework for Teaching, creating a structured process for observing classrooms, analyzing trends, and improving instructional practices schoolwide.
- In the area of school climate, improvements have been made including: staff celebrations to boost morale, continued use of PBIS strategies such as the "Student of the Week" nomination process and the Mustang Mall, as well as PowerUp Celebrations to recognize and reward exemplary behavior and academic performance.

