

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2022-2023 school year has been one that has proven how our Rebel Family continues to be resilient, resourceful, and compassionate to our students, families, and community. Our school is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by teaching rigorous standards in all content areas, promoting creativity and innovation, working collaboratively, instilling work ethic, integrity, self-direction, and developing interpersonal skills.

BFA's primary goal is to create a strong, continuous foundation for student achievement and development through graduation. Our graduation goal is to increase our graduation rate to 90% by 2024. Our Academy instructed over 800 students this year. Our teachers continually worked to provide differentiated instruction to ensure strong academic outcomes for our students.

BFA continued to incorporate Academic Recapture to assist students struggling to maintain academic consistency. Teachers provided free academic tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday for an hour and a half after school. Multiple Saturdays were used to provide additional assistance to students. In addition, BFA was able to return to a POWER Hour schedule. POWER (Preparing Our World for Educated Rebels) Hour utilizes time during lunch for students to receive tutoring, remediation, re-teaching, and participation in intramural activities. Students earning less than a 75 average are required to spend extra time on academic enrichment. As a result of dedicated students and staff, EOC scores continue to rise for Algebra 1. We had a 100 percent passing rate for English 2.

Our CDF (Career Development Facilitator) organized a career fair for ninth graders. Over 30 businesses and our entire student body engaged in career paths and opportunities. Interest assessments and virtual classrooms were additional resources created to peak student interests. Virtual and in person speakers were able to interact with students about careers in law, public safety, and manufacturing. Job shadowing opportunities enabled students to gain firsthand experience in the job market.

District Five Schools and Middle Tyger Community Center combined resources to provide our community with financial, emotional, and legal resources. Access to more mental health counselors and programs such as MTSS, SEL, Character Strong, Neptune Navigate, and Panorama provided strategies and support for our students.

Our C-Team football and basketball squads won region championships. Orchestra, art, band, chorus, and theatre programs had outstanding years with many excellent and superior ratings. Our Air Force JROTC program was recognized as a distinguished unit. Finally, our students and staff continued to support our local community through initiatives such as March of Dimes, canned food drives, and Relay for Life. Faculty and staff raised over \$4,000 for local charities.

The faculty and staff of BFA are extremely proud of our many successes. We are committed to continuous improvement from within to make our students life-long learners and productive members in a global society. Our focus will continue to be "every child, every day".

Neel Edwards, Principal and Griffin Eubanks, SIC Chairman