

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2019-2020 school year has been one that has shown how our Rebel Family has been resilient, compassionate, and resourceful to our students, families, and community. Our district/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 Academy instructed 700 students this year. Despite an ever increasing enrollment with a diverse background, our teachers continually worked to provide differentiated instruction to ensure strong academic outcomes for our students. Our EOC scores continue to be in the top percentage in the state. Our fall implantation of the new English 2 EOC showed outstanding potential as a majority of our students were successful during this baseline year. Our ninth grade AP Human Geography enrollment continued to show promise while providing students the opportunity to earn a college credit.

BFA continued to use a program called POWER Hour (Preparing Our World for Educated Rebels). This program has increased student engagement and academic achievement. The goals for this program are to decrease our retention rate and increase our attendance and graduation rates. Several hundred students enjoyed interacting with career guest speakers during POWER Hour.

Our CDF (Career Development Facilitator) continued to make a tremendous impact on our student body and community. More students than ever before experienced job shadowing opportunities in our community. BFA hosted our annual career fair with students from grade seven and grade nine interacting with over forty vendors.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, BFA and District Five Schools made sure that every student had a laptop. In addition, teachers created or used Schoology, Zoom, Google drive, and other interactive ways to teach and assist students. Our personnel assisted with breakfast/lunch routes, provided Wi-Fi and technology assistance, and paper/pencil packets to students and parents that prefer a more traditional learning routine. Countless hours have been used to prepare lessons, special education assistance, counseling, etc. to our students and families. BFA and D5 are proud of the efforts to meet our students' needs.

Finally, our students and staff continued to support our local community through initiatives such as Storybook Christmas, March of Dimes, Toys for Tots, and canned food drives. BFA continues to be one of the top donors in Spartanburg County for Relay for Life.

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 Michael Maus, SIC Chairman