



# *India Hook's SIC Report to Parents*

May 25th, 2022

## **Purpose of the School Improvement Council**

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to the school. The SIC brings together parents, school faculty, and community stakeholders to work together to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short range goals for student achievement. In addition, the SIC is a resource for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about the school. Other functions of the SIC are to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and increase parental awareness and involvement of SIC initiatives.

## **ABOUT US**

India Hook is one of the largest elementary schools with an enrollment over 600 students. We opened our doors in 2007 and are nestled in a small neighborhood off of Twin Lakes Road.

India Hook is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment.

Students in grades K-5 receive specifically planned instruction in ELA and Math. We created an intervention time to differentiate math instruction. An Academic Interventionists and certified tutor were used to provide small group instruction for students who needed more intensive reading and math support. Our planning was purposeful and strategic with the intent to increase student learning and make academic gains as measured by the use of Measure of Academic Progress (MAP).

Our staff has focused this past year on refining our balanced literacy and math instruction. Through previous work of defining Essential Learnings for each standard, developing unit plans for each quarter and common assessments, it has helped our teachers gain clarity and deliver targeted, purposeful instruction.

During the 2022-2023 school year, we will refine the work completed this past year and continue to improve upon these five areas: 1) data driven instruction, 2) technology integration to enhance instruction, 3) targeted instruction for struggling students, 4) continue to promote character through our positive school-wide behavior plan, and 5) differentiated professional development.

We will continue our partnership with Winthrop University as a Partner School. This partnership not only benefits Winthrop students, but India Hook’s teachers and students as well. We were privileged to host two exceptional Winthrop University interns. We look forward to hosting more students and strengthening this important partnership in the future.

Our plan of action continues to be to increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding target growth on ELA and Math Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests, continued refinement of our balanced literacy instruction and math instruction, providing intervention services for struggling learners, promoting character education through our positive school-wide behavior plan, modeling the use of technology to enhance instruction, and continuously finding ways to improve through differentiated professional development.

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# THREE AREAS OF FOCUS THIS YEAR

## 1. MANAGING the COVID PANDEMIC

During the course of this year, we went from restricting visitors to the school, mask mandating, and close-contact tracing to the complete opposite. We appreciated your patience as we worked through the logistics and guidance sent through SCDHEC and the School District.

## 2. EFFECTS of CLOSING SCHOOLS

This year, India Hook has been working through a few transitions, one of them being the closing of three elementary schools and the rezoning of attendance zones resulting from that decision. India Hook lost around 120 students this year, but gained around 180 students from rezoning Rosewood’s attendance area and students returning from Virtual Academy. This has changed the demographics and needs of our school community.

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# Utilization of Facilities - Option 3C



### OPTION 3C - FINLEY ROAD ELEMENTARY + ELIMINATE ATTENDANCE SATELLITES + EXPLORE REPURPOSING OF ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Total Impact: 383 (Option 1) + 566 (Eliminate Satellites) + 400 (Potential Repurpose Rosewood) = 1,349 (Option 3C) total students (based on geocode)

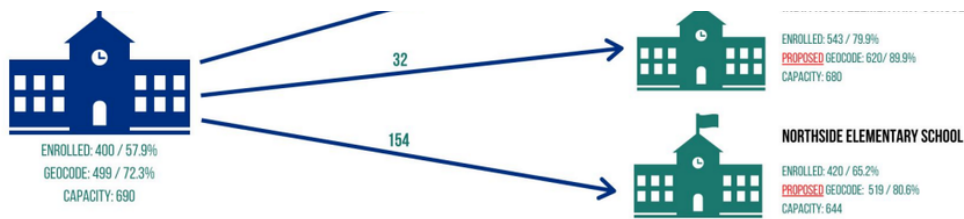
This option includes Options 1, 2B, and the exploration of repurposing Rosewood Elementary, one of the district oldest and most expensive campuses to operate. As shown, students presently enrolled at Rosewood Elementary would be reassigned to new schools.

ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



EBINPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ENROLLED: 310 / 48.1%  
PROPOSED GEocode: 590 / 91.6%  
CAPACITY: 644



Enrolled and geocode numbers as of 45th Day, 10-8-2020

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### 3. BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

I was asked by the former Superintendent to begin the process of India Hook becoming a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. I spent some time at their conference in November listening to what schools have done who have already earned the award. I've talked with former principals of Blue Ribbon Schools and will be attending another conference in June.

What I've learned so far is that there are 9 Performance Categories this process follows and all Blue Ribbon Schools perform at high levels in ALL of these areas.



#### PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES:

1. Student Focus and Support
2. School Organization and Culture
3. Challenging Standards and Curriculum
4. Active Teaching and Learning
5. Technology Integration
6. Professional Community
7. Leadership and Educational Vitality
8. School, Family, and Community Partnerships
9. Indicators of Success



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