## Bluffton Middle School School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents



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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Bluffton Middle School seeks to promote a tradition of academic excellence through exploration and discovery, technology awareness, and rigorous student-centered learning. Teachers, as facilitators, inspire intellectual curiosity in an environment where students develop the ability to think, be responsible, respectful, and honest to achieve their role as effective citizens in our global society.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision the Bluffton Middle School community working together to challenge every student to perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing, and engaging. Dear Parents,

When Bluffton Middle School opened its doors in 2010, we set a precedent of supporting our students and families socially, emotionally and academically. During the 19-20 school year, we served a diverse population of 861 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our student population is comprised of 47% Hispanic/Latino, 34% Caucasian, 13% African American, and 6% Other. On our most recent state report card. Bluffton Middle School earned a rating Good, growing one level from the previous rating of Average according to the ESEA ratings for the state of South Carolina. To compliment and further develop our core academic program, we offer Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses. Through PLTW, our students engage in hands-on, collaborative, real-world learning opportunities. This curriculum includes: Design and Modeling, Automation and Robotics, Medical Detectives, Introduction to Career Clusters, Flight and Space, and Green Architecture. Due to our heavy focus on STEM learning building wide, we received the prestigious STEM certification through AdvancED in 2018. This award recognizes the extraordinary opportunities our students have to interact with technology to research, collaborate, and think critically to problem solve real world situations incorporating all subjects. To support our students social/emotional needs, not only are we a PBIS school, but we have also implemented the Responsive Classroom Advisory structure. This framework promotes the trust and emotional safety necessary for students to take risks to grow academically. Additionally, we offer a number of clubs and extracurricular activities that support our students' interests and investment in their school. We will maintain these wonderful traditions we know are at the core of developing our students into high quality citizens who are the future leaders of our community.



# 2019-2020 Bluffton Middle School Points of PRIDE

Tanger Grant Recipient	Student Council	Before/After School Care	ESOL Parent Night	Monthly Character Ed Mustang of the Month Round-Up!		
Perfect SCReady Score - Ryan Goll	1st Annual BLMS Golf Tournament	Monthly Online School Store	Honored 59 7th Graders Duke TIP	Word Masters	Family Thanksgiving Luncheon	Junior Jazz Foundation Grant <u>Winner!</u>
ED Time	Tutoring	<u>Advisory</u>		12 Junior Scholars	Football Made Playoffs!	Career Day
County Champions in Wrestling	SIC SC Honor Roll	VEX Robotics Competition Team		Weekly 7CA	Scholastic Book Fair	<u>FLEX</u> <u>Time</u>
Bluffton Christmas Parade "Best Float of 2019"	<b>BLMS Club Offerings:</b> Chess, Green Steps, Gaming, Girls Circle, Yearbook, Intramurals		DHEC Recycling Education Grant Recipient	<b>Middle School Sports:</b> Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Track, Soccer, Baseball, Softball		USCB Biology Dept. collaboration - Installed 10 Birdhouses
Volleyball finished 2nd in County!	Mentorship	28 Students All County Honor Band	MOTM Luncheon at Outback	Bluffton Area Chorus Concert	VEX IQ Competition Team	Halloween Dance
Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant "Electric Bass"	6th Coastal Discovery Museum Field Trip	<u>19-20 Teacher</u> <u>of the Year:</u> Mrs. Cat Floyd	Performers and Leadership All-County Orchestra	<u>19-20 Support</u> <u>Staff of the Year:</u> Ms. Lakeisha Lofton	P B I S	Palmetto Ocean Conservatory Bottlecap Mural Project