



# ROBERT SMALLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

## SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

### 2022-2023

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

The RSIA School Improvement Council (SIC) is a broad-based advisory committee made up of a variety of members of the school, parents, and the community. The purpose of the SIC is to provide feedback to the Principal and assist in implementation of school improvement programs and activities. Each Spring, the work of the RSIA-SIC is documented, formatted to an Annual Report, and distributed to our parents, community, and other stakeholders to view the great work the group has done. This report will show the goals of the SIC, progress towards those goals, and future plans that the SIC has put into place. We are thankful for all the hard work that our students, parents, and staff have put in to continue to make our school one of the best in Beaufort County. As we look towards continued growth, we are reminded that RSIA is an award-winning school of excellence, where all students achieve & others want to emulate. Thank you to the RSIA family for allowing me to serve as SIC Chair, and remember, you are always welcome to join us in our mission to serve our students.

-James Morrall, SIC Chair



#### RSIA ADMINISTRATION

Principal:  
Bradley Tarrance

Assistant Principals:  
Marvette Washington  
Kelly Goudy

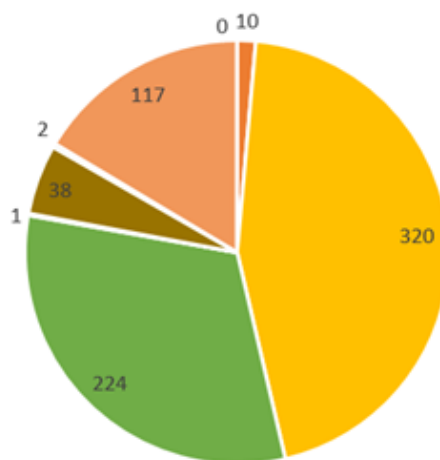


#### RSIA SIC COUNCIL

- James Morrall- SIC Chair / Parent
- Raquel Cardenas- SIC Secretary / Parent
- Bradley Tarrance- Ex Officio
- Joe Davis- Parent
- Roosevelt Shuler- Parent
- Koral Flores Clemente- Parent
- Alma Jimenez- Parent
- Shekinah Smalls- Parent
- Rashid Flanders- Parent
- Lina Parra- Teacher / Parent
- Deystinee Lightner- Teacher
- Christy McCullough- Teacher
- Mary Dorsey- Staff Member
- Daniel Allen- Community Member
- Patricia Bee- Community Member
- Michael Dixon- Community Member
- Richard Streedain- Community Member
- Richard Geier- School Board Representative

## #WeAreRobertSmalls

### DEMOGRAPHICS



- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Two or More Races
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

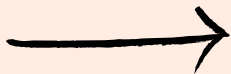
**OVERALL:**  
 712 STUDENTS  
**504 PLANS:**  
 1%  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION:**  
 14%  
**ACADEMICALLY GIFTED:**  
 42  
**ARTISTICALLY GIFTED:**  
 4

# ACADEMIC DATA

## GROWTH USING CORE PHONICS SCREENER (K-5)

CORE PHONICS SCREENER MEASURES PHONEMIC AWARENESS, PHONICS, WORD ANALYSIS AND/OR VOCABULARY. EACH GRADE LEVEL HAS A DIFFERENT CUT SCORE.

ACCORDING TO THE DATA, STUDENTS ARE SHOWING GROWTH IN THEIR PHONICS DEVELOPMENT.



- SECOND IN 8TH GRADE NWE MAP MATH GROWTH IN BCSD
- FIRST IN 8TH GRADE NWEA MAP ELA GROWTH IN BCSD
- FIRST IN 7TH GRADE NWEA MAP ELA GROWTH IN BCSD
- 50% PROJECTED INCREASE IN MATH SCREADY SCORES GRADES 3-8
- 75% PROJECTED INCREASE IN ELA SCREADY SCORES GRADES 3-8

### Kindergarten

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intensive 17 students	Intensive 11 students	Intensive 2 students
Strategic 7 students	Strategic 14 students	Strategic 10 students
Benchmark 0 students	Benchmark 0 students	Benchmark 12 students

### First Grade

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intensive 15 students	Intensive 5 students	Intensive 6 students
Strategic 10 students	Strategic 12 students	Strategic 3 students
Benchmark 10 students	Benchmark 24 students	Benchmark 31 students

### Second Grade

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intensive students 20	Intensive students 14	Intensive 9 students
Strategic students 10	Strategic students 11	Strategic 10 students
Benchmark students 0	Benchmark students 5	Benchmark 12 students

### Third Grade

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intensive 18 students	Intensive 3 students	Intensive 1 student
Strategic 6 students	Strategic 15 students	Strategic 3 students
Benchmark 4 students	Benchmark 10 students	Benchmark 23 students

### Fourth Grade

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intensive 13 students	Intensive 9 students	Intensive 4 students
Strategic 8 students	Strategic 2 students	Strategic 6 students
Benchmark 11 students	Benchmark 20 students	Benchmark 22 students

### Fifth Grade

CORE Phonics Baseline (Fall)	CORE Phonics (Mid Data)	CORE Phonics (Feb)
Intense - 5 students	Intense- 2 students	Intensive 1 students
Strategic- 7 students	Strategic- 7 students	Strategic 3 students
Benchmark- 13 students	Benchmark-17 students	Benchmark 21 students





# Highlights

- We opened a PBIS lounge this year to celebrate students' positive behavior and reinforce school pride.
- **Health & Wellness Club:** The Health and Wellness Club is a student led organization consisting of students from grades 6th-8th. The students were hand selected for their tremendous academic performance in Health Class in addition to their leadership qualities. Students have been able to get CPR certified, culinary experience, and even received a grant for fresh fruit and vegetables that they distribute on Wednesdays and Thursdays to students and staff.
- 8th graders Ziyah Enciso Samuel, Jonathan Suazo, Davin Andiano, and Conor Pearce won 3rd Place in the Physics category at the Regional Science Fair.
- RSIA is a two-time winner of the I-ready super school banner in the district!
- 8th graders Addison Smith-Hinton & Jaiden Deer were recognized as Junior Scholars for scoring 550 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion or 530 or higher on the Mathematics portion on the PSAT.
- Ms. Tekerria Brown was recognized as BCSD's Middle School Counselor of the Year.
- RSIA Food Pantry: Our school partnered with Low Country Food Bank for the second year in a row to provide food to the community monthly.
- Two of our teachers, Ms. Lightner and Ms. Pelfrey, received a grant from the Foundation of Excellence.
- In the Spring of 2022, the construction of our new school began. We are still on track to start the 2023-2024 school year in our new building!



# ATHLETICS

The athletic department had a great year. We fielded a soccer team for the first time in three years and had a start off season of 3-0. The football team had the best performance since the pandemic, our softball and baseball teams played with Battery Creek High School's JV team, and our boys' track team won 2nd place in the district for track and field.





## VISION

Robert Smalls International Academy is an award-winning school of excellence where all students achieve and others want to emulate.

## MISSION

Every student and teacher achieves by seeing, feeling, teaching, and living the seven habits.

## SIC GOALS

### *Reading is freedom.*

One of the School Improvement Council goals for the 2022-2023 school year was to focus on getting 100% of our elementary students reading on grade level. Action steps toward this goal included continuous support from interventionists and small groups. Community partners also visited RSIA two times a week to work with our PreK-1st graders in developing their reading.

Another goal the School Improvement Council wanted to focus on this school year was to increase parent involvement and support. We hosted several family events such as family learning nights, parent workshops, strengthening families program, award ceremonies, career night, monthly campus clean-up, and a monthly breakfast with the Principal. We also improved our communication using social media and brightarrow messaging to inform parents about upcoming events. As a result, we have seen an increase in parent participation, volunteers, and donations over the past year.

