



# LUCY G. BECKHAM HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL 2022-2023 COMMUNITY REPORT

Lucy G. Beckham High School's third year has been one of growth, not just in the number of students and teachers in the building, but also in the ages of our students which now include seniors. We are building upon the successes of our first years and have continued to excel in all areas. We have built a culture of high expectations and focus on students that has established us as a top high school in the Lowcountry. We are embracing Beckham's new traditions and we are listening to each other through student-led programming and recognition of the importance of student voice in our school community.

The Lucy G. Beckham High School Improvement Council (SIC) is also growing. We now include six parents and four teachers, elected by their peers for two-year terms, three student members from the Student Advisory Board, and four community members serving four-year terms (see page 4).

Every public school in SC is required by law to have a SIC which hosts open meetings, adopts bylaws, develops school goals, and releases an annual report. Your SIC takes these responsibilities seriously. Not only have we met at least six times each year, usually on the first Thursday at 5 pm; we have also set lofty goals and are proud to share our school's successes and opportunities for improvement with you in this year's report.

### Core Values

- The physical, emotional, and mental / cognitive health of each student comes first.
- Caring about students requires caring about their teachers and families within and outside school.
- We are a learning community.
- We recognize the history of the land, town, region, country and world in which we live, with respect for those whose work has led to their prosperity and with acknowledgement that our actions today will be part of the future's historical record.
- While there will be conflict and disagreements, we will not allow conflict or disagreements to diminish the dignity each person deserves.



### Student Advisory Board

Reflecting upon the first value, the SAB was created in the SIC Bylaws to encourage and elevate a variety of student voices. While teachers have recommended students to serve, the SAB is open to all. The SAB provides advice to the SIC, and representatives participate in SIC meetings.





# INTELLIGENCE INTEGRITY INVOLVEMENT

At LBHS, we strive to live by the "I's of the Tiger: Integrity, Intelligence and Involvement. Holding true to these principles has helped earn notable achievements both in and out of the classroom.

## Academics & Staff

- Students placed in National Competitions including Science Olympiad, SeaPerch Underwater Robotics, and CGJROTC academic team
- 42% of students are enrolled in AP courses and 27 AP Capstone graduates.
- EOC scores were among the top in CCSD and for the state.
- Numerous grants from DHEC, SeaPerch, and Donors Choose were funded.
- Mrs. Lauren Lyon was named Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Amanda Culp was named Rookie Teacher of the Year.
- Mrs. Mary Ruth Starr was named Staff of the Year.



## Athletics, Arts & Extracurriculars

- Men's Volleyball: Region 7 Champs and State Champs in their first year
- Cheerleading: Region 7 Champs and State Runnerup
- Numerous regional accolades for athletes and coaches in a multitude of sports.
- Chorus: 2 All-State Chorus
- Band: 18 Region Band, 7 All-State Band and 5 All-State Jazz
- Orchestra: 14 Region Orchestra, 5 All-State Orchestra, 4 Charleston Youth Orchestra
- Theatre students qualified for International Thespian Conference
- Participation in community projects including the Period Project, ECCO Food Drive, blood drive, beach sweeps and animal supply drives.
- LBHS host over 35 clubs and honor societies including BSU, GSA, NHS, NSHS, and Beta Club
- Student Council held elections, celebrated two Spirit Weeks, sponsored Bengal Powder Puff and Volley Buff games and participated in the state leadership conference. Funds raised support SC Cancer Alliance and Charleston Kids on Point.
- Key Club logged over 2100 hours of community service.





## What Makes LBHS Different?

### CREW

Students are part of a family that is a learning community that supports and challenges one another. During CREW students work on building relationships, strengthening literacy, providing service, preparing for college and post-secondary careers, and exploring fitness opportunities.

### Next Gen Personal Finance

Every 10th grader at LBHS is required to take a financial literacy class to graduate. Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Next Gen Personal Finance, this class will be even more successful.

### Independent Learning Time (ILT)

Students have a 41-minute period of Independent Learning Time (ILT) built into their schedule each day for academic help, independent work, study groups and life balance. A more structured option (SLT) is also available.

### Veterinary Science

This program explores essential concepts related to skills needed to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine. Students learn animal sciences in a hands-on environment, working with a variety of animals in the classroom.



### Building Construction

Students in this program receive practical training in the entire range of residential and light commercial building techniques, and complete multiple hands-on projects. Successful completion of the four-level program provides students with the opportunity to be eligible for industry-recognized certifications and credentials.

### Coast Guard JROTC

The LBHS Coast Guard JROTC is the 1st in South Carolina, and only the 3rd in the nation. Thanks to our efforts and with legislative support, now any school that meets the requirements can apply to open a CGJROTC unit. Curriculum includes coursework on leadership, civics, health and wellness, Coast Guard operations and history, nautical science, and teamwork.





## Strategic Planning Goals

Beckham High School envisions a learning environment which challenges and optimizes potential. The SIC believes Beckham can be best at doing this work when we foster student social, emotional, and mental intelligences; expect integrity; and encourage civic involvement within our school, families, community, and world. LBHS will accomplish this mission through a bold and innovative culture. We will know that we are meeting our vision and mission when we have: **well-rounded, self-aware students who are capable of sharing their story and ascending to adulthood prior to graduation.**

We will track our achievement toward these goals through teacher/staff and student participation, as well as parental and community support, along with measurements of absenteeism, discipline rates, school climate survey results, academic achievement and teacher professional growth.



## Supporting the Collective Bengal Community:

### Academics, Athletics & Arts

The One Beckham Foundation was created to equitably support all the extracurricular activities LBHS has to offer under one umbrella and to the benefit of every child. The One Beckham Foundation is determined to remove barriers for children and parents who want to experience all that our new public school can provide, but who have traditionally faced roadblocks with full participation.

## SIC Members

### Elected Members

- Jason Annan, Parent
- Jennifer Bilbro, Parent
- Adria Elliott, Parent
- Julie Hussey, Parent
- Sam Staley, Parent
- Joseph Wren, Parent
- Margo Quigley, Teacher (Chair)
- Alex McCarrell, Teacher (Vice-Chair)
- Lauren Lyon, LBHS Teacher of the Year
- Amanda Culp, LBHS Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Student Advisory Board Representatives

### Appointed Members

- Bill Smyth, Community Member
- Darren Felty, Community Member
- Pleshette Grant, Community Member
- Chris Starr, Community Member

### Ex-Officio Members

- Anna Dassing, Principal
- Karen Pickering, Assistant Principal
- Stephanie Flock, Assistant Principal
- Claire Gatlin, Director of School Counseling
- Claudia Haire, One Beckham Representative