LUCY G. BECKHAM HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL 2025-2026 COMMUNITY REPORT

Lucy Beckham High School's sixth year has been one of growth in all areas-Academics, Arts, and Athletics! We are building upon the successes of our first years and have continued to excel. Our first, second and third SC State Department of Education report card rated LBHS as Excellent! 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 continuing Beckham's 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 Beckham High School Improvement Council (SIC) is also thriving. We include five parents and two teachers, elected by their peers for two-year terms, two 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.**

INTELLIGENCE INTEGRITY INVOLVEMENT

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

Most notably LBHS was named a state Palmetto's Finest Finalist for 2025-2026! We will continue to strive to earn this distinction going forward.

Academics & Staff

- EOC scores were among the top in CCSD and for the state.
- 50% of students are enrolled in AP courses and 50 AP Capstone graduates with 74% scoring a C or better on AP exams
- Grants from National Society of High School Scholars, American Chemical Society and Donors Choose
- Mr. Anthony Galovotti was named Teacher of the Year as well as Top 5 CCSD Finalist and Ms. Eliza Moreno was named Rookie TOY. Mrs. Lisa Kuisel was named Staff of the Year!
- Students placed in National Competitions including Science Olympiad, HOSA, and CGJROTC academic and drill team

Athletics, Arts & Extracurriculars

- Winner of the Carlise Cup for 5A Division 2
- Individual State Champions: Gianni Bottone-Wrestling-3rd time-200+ career wins
- Numerous regional accolades for athletes and coaches in a multitude of sports.
- Music groups including band, orchestra, and chorus had students qualify for multiple
- regional and All-State groups
- Band: Outstanding Performance Award -Beckham Bands have earned this prestigious
- award for the 5th year in a row!
- Orchestra: SCMEA Orchestra Outstanding Performance Award-Gold
- Theatre students qualified for International Thespian Conference-Excellent at the 2025
- Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Conference
- Dance-7 dancer qualified for National Dance Honor Society
- Participation in community projects including hurricane and flood relief, ECCO food
- drives, Angel Tree, blood drives, beach sweeps and numerous animal supply drives.
- LBHS host over 35 clubs and honor societies.
- Student Council held elections, celebrated two Spirit Weeks, sponsored Bengal Powder
- Puff, Homecoming and Spring dances and participated in the state leadership
- conference. Funds raised support numerous lowcounty causes.
- Students from clubs and athletics provided over 10,000 hours of community service.
- LB Yearbook took first place for Best Yearbook in the state for class 4A!
- LBHS earned PLTW Distinguished High School for 24-25

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.

FOCUS and One Lunch

Every student has time during the school day to work with student and teacher choice Focus sessions to make up work, get extra help or participate in clubs and activities. The entire school has lunch together throughout the building and this enables students and teachers to build relationships and participate in a productive break in the day.

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. 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. With a STEM focus, cadets learn real world concepts and model leadership thorugh service and a committment to making LBHS the best it can be.

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

SIC Members

Elected Members

- Kelly Quarles, Parent
- Mandy Bulwinkle, Parent
- Reid Elliott, Parent
- Brantli McMillian, Parent (Chair)
- Logan Desciak, LBHS Rookie Teacher of the Year 2025
- Alex McCarrell, LBHS Teacher of the Year 2025
- Addison Key, Student Advisory Board Representative
- Michael Ballard, Student Advisory Board Representative

Appointed Members

- Bill Smyth, Community Member
- Darren Felty, Community Member-Trident Technical
- Pleshette Grant, Community Member
- Chris Starr, Community Member
- John Ritenour, Community Member-Red Falcon Ink

Ex-Officio Members

- Anna Dassing, Principal
- Karen Pickering, Assistant Principal
- Claire Gatlin, Director of School Counseling
- Marlea Wellein, PTSO Representative