



# Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts Report to the Community



Year 15

Proud To Be A Title 1 School

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## School Improvement Report

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Dear School Community,

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a mandated group by the state of South Carolina, responsible for oversight of the School Renewal Plan, and acting in an advisory role to the school's administrative team. Each year the SIC is charged with making an annual report to the school's community. Within this newsletter, you will find important information about the school and the progress and challenges that we face in our school improvement efforts.

Our goals are to ensure that all students are successful academically, close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school, as a school of choice, provide an Arts Infused approach to learning, provide a safe learning environment, provide good and transparent communication, and to facilitate strong partnerships with community shareholders. Specifically, in this time of Covid-19, additional measures have been in place and continually reviewed by the SIC to ensure the utmost safety of students and staff, while still providing a world-class quality of education.

Under the umbrella of the Beaufort County School District, and the leadership of Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, the Creative Arts SIC Committee follows a School Renewal Plan spanning the 2019-24 school years. The plan is available for review at the school office upon request.

Our shared success as a school community is related to the commitment and focus of each of these groups. Our hope is that each of you will continue or become involved this school year in either our PTO or our School Improvement Council. It is by the collective commitment and partnership of all shareholders that we will best continue to improve our school's performance and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela (Nikki) Lucas  
Principal

Mike Quigley  
SIC Chair

Amanda Phillips  
PTO Vice President/  
Ex-Officio SIC Representative

### HHIESCA Vision Statement

It is our vision that Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to actively ensuring that all learners will add value to their lives; developing potential by providing excellent education in a safe, academically rigorous, Arts-infused, and nurturing learning environment.

### HHIESCA Mission Statement

As an Arts-infused school of choice, Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts strives to support the mission of the Beaufort County School District in such a way that enables all students to be competent, competitive, and successful in an ever-changing global society.

**Beaufort County School District Vision**

We will work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing, and engaging.

**Beaufort County School District Mission**

The Beaufort County School District, through a Personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who will compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

**2019-2020 Recognition**

1. The following students achieved a perfect score on the 2019-20 Word Masters Challenge national vocabulary competition: 5th graders McKenzie Novak and Savannah Golden; 3rd graders Lawrence Watts, Emily Trish and Spencer Watts.
2. HHIESCA Special Education teacher, Jennifer Backlund, is named 2020-21 HHIESCA Teacher of the Year.
3. HHIESCA Data Specialist, Nilo Rosado, is named HHIESCA Support Staff Member of the Year.
4. All HHIESCA classroom-based teachers completed training regarding Responsive Classroom practices.
5. Daufuskie Island Elementary School 1st grade student Eli Brawner is selected as the Beaufort County School District Student of the Month for the month of October 2019, for the character traits of Courage/ Tolerance.
6. A team of 4th grade students led by teachers Sandra Courtney and Christina Schaber were named as Region 4 winners of the Continental Math League Competition in May 2020.
7. Third grade students William Chapman, Trent Howard, Samuel Knowles, and Abigail Moe scored the maximum raw score of achievement on the 2018-19 SC READY Math assessment.
8. Fifth grade students Cole Howard and Beau Sexson scored the maximum raw score of achievement on the 2018-19 SC READY Math assessment.
9. The following SCA students were selected to represent the 2019-2020 Beaufort County Honor Choir:
 

Jack George	Abigail Moe
Alexandra Golshani	Sarah-Elizabeth Phillips
Daxton Lynch	Emmeline Saleeby
Pierce Lynch	Ariadna Sanchez
Leo Martinez	Catalina Zolton
10. One student from each grade level was selected each month and recognized for exemplifying the Character Education trait of each month.

11. Eighteen students met exit criteria on the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency state assessment administered in March 2019.
12. The following students had artwork or poetry featured in the 2019-20 BCSD River of Words publication:
 

Brooklyn Lampe	Tucker Lampe
Hunter Hoang Nguyen	Easton Welker
Woodley Rawl	Patchin Crose
Jada Brantley	Marin Charles
Cassidy Ott	Emily Quigley
Owen Hughes	Mallory Pratt
Windham Walters	Kanesha Staple
Jackson Wheeler	Luke Benson
Miles Dzendzel	Evie Ellison

**Opportunities for Students**

**Before School**

- Chorus 1-5
- Calypso Bells

**After School**

- Rotary Early ACT Club
- Robotics Club
- Garden Club
- Singers
- Calypso BOOM
- Inspire Dance Drummers and Dancers
- After-School Drama Club
- Lego Club
- Tutoring On-Site and at Boys and Girls Club
- Chess Club



## HHIESCA Performance Goals

### School Renewal Plan Goals for 2019-2020

The five goals listed below followed the framework of the Beaufort County School District Five Year Strategic Plan. Within our School Renewal Plan are specific strategies and activities that are implemented, monitored and updated annually. A copy of the entire plan is on file at the school and available upon request for review.

**Goal 1: Purpose and Direction:** *As part of the Beaufort County School District, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts maintains and communicates at all levels of the organization a purpose and direction for continuous improvement that commits to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.*

**Goal 2: Resources and Support Systems:** *Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts as part of Beaufort County School District has resources and provides services in all schools that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.*

**Goal 3: Teaching and Assessing Student Learning:** *Beaufort County School District's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.*

**Goal 4: Documenting & Using Results for Continuous Improvement:** *Beaufort County School District implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and system effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.*

**Goal 5: Governance and Leadership:** *Beaufort County School District operates under governance and leadership that promotes and supports student performance and system effectiveness.*

### Community Partners for Education

We are grateful for the opportunities afforded to our students and staff with our community partners.

1. The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
2. The Hilton Head Orchestra
3. Hilton Head Public Library
4. Hilton Head Avid Gardeners Club
5. Coastal Discovery Museum-Honey Horn Plantation
6. Port Royal Sound Foundation - Maritime Center
7. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association Center
8. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry - HH Club
9. Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC)
10. Island School Council for the Arts
11. Rotary Club of Hilton Head - VanLandingham
12. Hilton Head Rotary Club
13. Savannah College of Art and Design
14. Gullah Tours

### Community Partners for Education (continued):

15. Hilton Head Island Historical Society
16. Heritage Library Foundation
17. Lowcountry Raptors



2019-2020

## School Improvement Council

The School Renewal Plan was reviewed and updated by the SIC.

School Safety procedures were reviewed and re-examined, specifically with regard to Covid-19 and the HHIESCA reopening plan, available upon request in the office and on our school website. All staff completed updated annual safety training and participated in monthly drills for fire, semester drills for active shooter/intruders, and the annual earthquake and tornado drill during the 2019-2020 school year.

Creative Arts received an "Average" rating on the 2019 South Carolina School Report Card. We are proud to note that we received a Good rating for the achievement of our English Language Learners, with 60.5% of EL students meeting progress toward their identified proficiency target. We are additionally proud of our Excellent rating in the area of Student Engagement in School.

The staff of HHIESCA received training in the Responsive Classroom program, and transitioned to this classroom management system in the 2019-2020 year. A strong focus was held in establishing classroom communities through daily morning and afternoon meetings and the implementation of responsive measures in addressing behaviors and teaching expectations. Our school boasts a well-organized Parent Teacher Organization on the Creative Arts and Daufuskie sites, both of which are supportive of teachers and students through fundraising efforts and classroom activities.

In addition to monitoring the School Renewal Plan, the Council elected to investigate and then plan for a way to engage parents and the community in activities that support teachers and students during this time of Covid-19, and beyond.

The Council also continued to focus on issues relating to being a quality Arts-Infused school of choice, student academic achievement, school climate, teacher retention/morale and communication.

## Parent Involvement

- Special Meet and Greet dinner and activity stations for first grade students
- Meet and Greet before start of school for all students
- Virtual Meet and Greet opportunities in all classrooms at the start of Fall 2020
- Open House in October 2019
- STEAM Cardboard Arcade Parent Night in October 2019
- Gullah Family Festival in February 2019
- Title I Parent Feedback Night in Winter 2020
- Our active PTO supported HHIESCA in the following endeavors:
  - Monetary donations to Arts– based field trips for students
  - Calypso’s Closet for Uniforms and Supplies
  - Support at all evening events, including rising first grade tours
  - Organized and facilitated Fall Marble Run fundraiser for all students and families
  - Facilitated SCA Staff Appreciation Week in February 2020
  - Support of Teacher and Staff Member of the Year Recognition Ceremony in Spring 2020

## Events

**Belief: It is our belief that as an arts-focused school, students should display/exhibit their work in a variety of venues both in the school and the community.**

- 5th grade students attended academic field trips to Driftwood Education Center in Spring of 2019 and Winter 2020
- Grade-level performances for students of grades 1, 3, 5
- “Letting Off Steam” activities for grades 2 and 4.
- ESOL Celebration Night in Fall 2019
- Family Reading Night - “Reading Under the Big Top!” in Winter 2020
- All grade levels had opportunity to work with one or more Artist in Residence Programs
- Beaufort County Honor Choir
- 2019 Bravo and Spring Choral Concert: Annual community/school-wide performance and expo of student work
- Art Gallery Walk with Mrs. Palmieri showcasing student work during BRAVO 2109
- After-school Drama Club presented *Fairytale Misfits* in Fall 2019.
- HHIESCA students participated in the BCSD River of Words project with the Port Royal Sound organization
- Winter Choral Program featured Calypso Boom, Calypso Belles, Singers and over 150 students grades 1-5
- Audition Chorus - Singers
- Mrs. Ashley and her students participated in the Winter 2019 Beaufort County Special Olympics Bowling at Station 300 in Bluffton.
- Engineering Club participated in HHI Lantern Parade in November 2019

## Accomplishments and Special Activities

- Vanlandingham Rotary Club provided earbuds to all 5th grade students.
- HHIESCA is recognized by the South Carolina Arts Commission as an “Arts in the Basic Curriculum” school and is awarded \$10,000.00 grant for the 2020-2021 year.
- All classroom teachers participated in professional development provided through the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina in Arts-infused instructional strategies.
- Engineering Club participated in the November, 2019 Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade
- Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Courtney attended the Palmetto State Arts in Education Conference in Spartanburg in October, 2019
- Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bell participated in the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Arts Integration Training Course in the 2019-20 school year.

## Respectfully Submitted by 2020–2021 SIC Committee Members

**Chair: Mike Quigley**

**Vice President: Aurora Flores**

**Secretary: Mark Sadler**

**Parents: Aurora Flores - Heather Zolton - Leslie Shaw - Mike Quigley - Marasol Jenkins**

**Teachers: Jayme Wilson - Justin Vaughn - Mark Sadler - Sandra Courtney**

**Support Staff: Judith Clouse - Amanda Lofton**

**Community: Donna Fonseca - Kelley Littell - Beverly Ohemeng**

**Ex-Officio: Anita Singleton**

**Principal: Pamela Lucas**

**PTO: Amanda Phillips**