



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



Year 13

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) continues to be mandated by the state of South Carolina for the purpose of overseeing 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. Included in 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, to close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school, as a school of choice, to provide an Arts Infused approach to learning, to provide a safe learning environment, to provide good communication and to foster partnerships with our community. This year staff and students implemented **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) units of study and are on track for an onsite visit by AdvancED to become STEM certified.

Under our Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Moss, a district plan was written for the 2014–19 school years that then provided the framework for our school’s plan. Our SIC reviewed and updated the school’s plan, noting progress made.

We are fortunate at our school to have a team approach that includes the administrative team, staff, parents and the community. Our success is related to the commitment and focus of each of these groups. We have been proud to serve as the principal, SIC and PTO chairs for the 2017-18 school year at HHIESCA. Our hope is that each of you will continue or become involved next year in either our PTO or our School Improvement Council. It will take everyone’s commitment if we are to continue to see success and improvements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Keefner                      Mike Quigley                      Jessica Howard  
Principal                                      SIC Chair                                      PTO President

### HHIESCA Vision Statement

We envision 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 their potential by providing excellent education in an Arts Infused, safe and nurturing learning environment.

### HHIESCA Mission Statement

As an Arts Infused School of Choice, 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 and Mission

## 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.

## Mission

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

## 2017-18 Recognition

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fourth grade gifted and talented students in Mrs. Courtney's class rank 10th in the nation for their performance as a class in the Word Master Challenge.</li> <li>2. SCA Literacy Teacher Cora Lugo is named 2018-19 HHIESCA Teacher of the Year.</li> <li>3. HHIESCA Technology System Support Specialist Tony Grant is named 2018-19 Support Staff Member of the Year.</li> <li>4. SCA Dance Teacher, Georgia Haygood, is a presenter at the National Dance Education Organization's National Conference in San Antonio, Texas.</li> <li>5. Forty-eight SCA teachers and administrators completed the first class toward their SC Read to Succeed Teacher Endorsement</li> <li>6. Jayme Wilson is selected as the FSI Teacher of the Week for her commitment to her students.</li> <li>7. SCA fourth grade student Cole Howard is selected as the November Beaufort County School District Character Education Student of the Month for Respect &amp; Gratitude.</li> <li>8. 5th grade students had their artwork or poetry published in the District's River of Words publication:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlotte Alley - Artwork</li> <li>Derrick Chisolm - Artwork</li> <li>Brody Doyle - Poetry</li> <li>Amelia Finn - Poetry</li> <li>Daniel Flores - Artwork</li> <li>Josselin Hernandez - Artwork</li> <li>Quinn Hughes - Poetry</li> <li>Alexis Santamaria - Artwork</li> <li>Lisa Schutz - Artwork</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Fourth grade students Katherine Gutierrez, Cole Howard and Abigail Pratt received perfect scores on their SC READY state test as third graders.</li> <li>9. The following SCA students were selected to perform in the 2018 Beaufort County Honor Choir Concert:             <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px; width: 80%;"> <tr> <td>Caroline Bullock</td> <td>Wyatt Norman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brody Doyle</td> <td>Michelle Ocampo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Noah Hooks</td> <td>Mia Ruxton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Olivia LaMountain</td> <td>Jessica Staigar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Lynch</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> </li> </ol> | Caroline Bullock | Wyatt Norman | Brody Doyle | Michelle Ocampo | Noah Hooks | Mia Ruxton | Olivia LaMountain | Jessica Staigar | Jane Lynch |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Third grade SCA student Mia Jaquiss and fourth grade SCA student Caroline Bullock are finalists in the 2018 Sodexo Future Chef Competition.</li> <li>11. Students from after school club "Inspire Dance" participate at BCSD Dance Festival, Youth Day at the Arts Center and the Gullah Festival.</li> <li>12. Four students from each homeroom were selected monthly for either behavior, effort, attitude or teamwork and recognized at a monthly BEAT celebration as part of the schoolwide PBIS( Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program.</li> <li>13. Creative Arts kitchen staff is recognized for their hard work with a brunch to say thank you.</li> <li>14. Creative Arts bus drivers are recognized for their commitment to the students and collaborative efforts with the Creative Arts administration with coffee and donuts.</li> <li>15. The custodial staff at Creative Arts is recognized for their hard work during the summer with an appreciation dinner.</li> <li>16. 125 volunteers are recognized with a brunch prepared by the staff to say thank you for their time and commitment to Creative Arts staff and students.</li> </ol> |
| Caroline Bullock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Wyatt Norman     |              |             |                 |            |            |                   |                 |            |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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## Opportunities for Students

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| <p><b>Before School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chorus 1-5</li> <li>• Calypso Belles</li> <li>• Rak-tivists Club (RAK- Random Acts of Kindness)</li> <li>•</li> </ul> | <p><b>After School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotary Early ACT Club</li> <li>• Robotics Club</li> <li>• Garden Club</li> <li>• Singers</li> <li>• Calypso BOOM</li> <li>• Inspire Dance</li> <li>• After School Drama</li> <li>• Seahawk Girls Basketball and Cheer Camps</li> </ul> |
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## HHIESCA Performance Goals

### School Renewal Plan Goals for 2017-18

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 commit 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 promote and support 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 Gardners 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—Hilton Head Club
9. Island School Council for the Arts
10. Rotary Club of Hilton Head - VanLandingham
11. Hilton Head Rotary Club



2017-18

## School Improvement Council

The School Renewal Plan was updated and reviewed as required by the Council.

School Safety procedures were reviewed and re-examined. The SIC chair and principal attended the districtwide safety meeting with local law enforcement. All staff completed updated annual safety training and participated in monthly drills for fire, semester drills for active shooter/intruders, and the annual tornado drill.

The entire Creative Arts staff's commitment to creating classroom communities through daily class meetings and schoolwide monthly assemblies had a significant effect on student participation and behavior in every classroom. In addition, a well organized Parent Teacher Organization supported teachers and students and through fundraising efforts and partnership with the district were able to upgrade the playground equipment.

In addition to monitoring the School Renewal Plan, the Council elected to do a building inspection to identify and prioritize projects to submit to the district office for consideration for placement on the permanent improvement district-wide plan. The SCA Uniform Policy was reviewed and amended for the coming school year.

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

## Parent Involvement

- New incoming first graders and parents had a light dinner and scavenger hunt to “get to know” Creative Arts staff and the school.
- Meet and Greet before start of school
- Open House
- Active PTO
- 98% of students had parent/teacher conferences.
- STEAM Cardboard Arcade Parent Night
- ESOL Parent Education Program
- PTO supported the arts program at HHIESCA by donating funds to purchase a musical piece of playground equipment.
- PTO organized and ran Calypso Closet for school supplies and uniforms.
- PTO organized parent support with set up and tear down of performances.
- PTO organized and sponsored fundraiser
- PTO organized Staff Appreciation Week in February
- PTO participated in Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year Recognition Program.
- PTO participated in submission of monthly articles for school newsletter.

## 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.**

- Grade-level performances for all students in grades 1, 3 and 5.
- Initiated parent/student grade level “Letting Off Steam” days for Grades 2 and 4
- Family Reading Night - “Readers are Superheroes”
- “Constructing Mathematicians” - Two Family Math Nights were initiated
- All grade levels had opportunity to work with one or more Artist in Residence Programs
- Participation in Beaufort County Dance Festival
- Participation in Beaufort County School District Elementary Drama Festival
- Beaufort County Honor Choir Performance
- Bravo and Spring Choral Concert: Annual community/school-wide performance and expo of student work
- After-school Theatre Club presented “Calypso’s Clowns” for students in grades 1 and 2.
- After-school Theatre Club presented “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”.
- HHIESCA students participated in the BCSD River of Words project enabling students’ writing and artwork to be displayed and/or published.
- Winter Choral Program featured Calypso Boom, Calypso Belles, Singers and over 150 students grades 1-5

## Accomplishments

- HHIESCA is Proud to be a Title I School
- HHIESCA is recognized by the South Carolina Arts Commission as an “Arts in the Basic Curriculum” school and is awarded a \$9,440.00 grant.
- Three individual teacher grants and two collaborative grants totaling \$3,274.00 were received from the Foundation for Educational Excellence.
- Four teachers were of Donor’s Choose Grants for classroom projects totaling \$1088.00.
- Teachers in grades 2 - 5 participated in the Hilton Head Orchestra’s Outreach Program “Music Bridges”.
- Creative Arts partnered with Hilton Head Rotary organization to initiate Rotary Interact Club for service and leadership opportunities.
- VanLandingham Rotary provided dictionaries to all fifth graders, began a Rotary Reader Program for students in grade four and helped to organize a Rotary Early Act Club at Creative Arts.

## Respectfully Submitted by 2017-18 SIC Committee Members

**Chair:** Mike Quigley

**Secretary:** Tim Pitzer

**Parents:** Jennifer DeHart      Mike Quigley      Cindy Bullock      Susi Flores

**Staff:** Justin Vaughn      Jayme Wilson      Jennifer Lozan      Georgia Haygood      Ashley Hardwick

**Community:** Tim Pitzer      Karen Tinnerholm

**Ex-Officio:** Principal: Gretchen Keefner      Bridgette Beach