



School Improvement Report

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Dear School Stakeholders,

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 administration, teachers, and staff. Each year, the SIC is responsible for submitting an annual report to all parents. Within this newsletter, you will find important information about the school and the progress and challenges that we face in our school improvement efforts.

The goals of the SIC are to ensure that all students are successful academically and to close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school. As a school of choice, we are committed to providing an Arts Infused approach to learning. Additionally, it is our priority to foster a safe learning environment, provide transparent communication, and to facilitate strong partnerships with community shareholders.

Under the direction 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 strong partnerships amongst all stakeholders. We encourage each of you to continue your involvement, or become involved in the school Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or SIC. It is by the collective commitment of everyone that we will best continue to improve our school's performance and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela (Nikki) Lucas
 Principal

Leslie Shaw
 HHIESCA SIC Chair

Erin Quinn
 HHIESCA SIC Co-Chair
 Daufuskie PTO President

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

Our vision is to 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 mission of 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.

2021-2022 Student Recognition

1. Daufuskie Island Elementary 4th grader Cassie Donaldson is selected as the BCSD Student of the Month for September 2021, for the character trait of Acceptance.
2. HHIESCA 2nd grade student Simon Van Tonder is selected as the BCSD Student of the Month for February 2022, for the character traits of Honesty & Integrity.
3. Six students at HHIESCA met criteria for designation as Artistically Gifted and Talented in Spring 2022.
4. 5th grade students Kolby Anthony, Jack Cerrati, Samere Tyson and Austin Wiedemann won the Palmetto Electric 2020-2021 Enlighten SC Children's Book Challenge with their book *The Life of A Solar Panel*. Their team won locally, and placed 2nd at the state level.
5. The following 13 had submissions of Art or poetry published in the Spring 2022 BCSD River of Words Poetry and Art publication:
 - Elizabeth Carbajal Moreno
 - Jackson De La Hunt (2 publications)
 - Owen Hughes
 - Alexa McCombie
 - Michelle Najera Velediaz

Gabriella Orellana (2 publications)

Britton Smith

Jackson Wheeler

Alyssa Wehrung

Amariyah Wells

Gianluca Sarli

Mia Duarte

Mia Kalms

6. Students were selected from all grade levels each month and recognized for HHIESCA & Daufuskie Character Education of the Month

7. 3rd—5th grade Principals Honor Roll and Honor Roll recipients were honored following each grading quarter for their hard work and dedication in academics.

Opportunities for Students**After School Clubs**

Afterschool Academic Clubs

Art Club

Yearbook Club

Afterschool Drama Club (Peter Pan, Jr)

Garden Club

Calypso Chimes

HHIESCA Performance Goals

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2021-2022:

The five goals listed below follow 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: Student Achievement in Reading: *By the end of the 2023-24 year, the percentage of students in grades 3 through 5 who score Meets or Exceeds Expectations in ELA as measured by SC Ready will increase from 40.2% on the 2018 SC School Report Card to 55%.*

Goal 2: Student Achievement/Closing the Achievement Gap in Reading and Math: *By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the achievement gap that exists between the white subgroup of students at Creative Arts and both the Hispanic and African American subgroups will be reduced 12 percentage points at each grade level in both reading and math.*

Goal 3: Teacher and Administrator Quality: *By the end of the 2023-24 year, HHIESCA will increase the teacher retention rate from 83% to 90% through initiatives that support strengthening of school climate by implementation of PBIS and consistent best practices across the school environment.*

Goal 4: School Climate/Parent, Teacher, Student Relations and Engagement: *By the end of the 2023-24 school year, HHIESCA parent, student and teacher satisfaction ratings from SC School Report Card survey data will increase from 73.3% satisfaction by parents to 80%; 84.7% to 90% by students and 82.3% to 90% by teachers.*

Goal 5: School Climate/Student Engagement: *By the end of the 2023-24 school year, the school climate at Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts as measured by the South Carolina Department of Education Report Card Student Engagement Survey Results, will increase from the Average rating received in 2019-20 to a Good Rating.*

Grateful for our Community Partners!

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

Community Partners for Education (continued):

15. Hilton Head Island Historical Society
16. Heritage Library Foundation
17. Daufuskie Island Fire District
18. Daufuskie Community Farm
19. The Daufuskie Island Community



2021-22

School Improvement Council

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

School safety and facilities were reviewed collaboratively by SIC shareholders inclusive of school administration, staff, parents and community members. 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 2021-22 school year. All students received opportunity for age-appropriate CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association) lessons via the BCSD partnership with CAPA Beaufort, during HHIESCA classroom guidance time.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, assessment data and other data was not recorded on the 2020 SC School Report Card. In Spring of 2022, teachers and students are receiving the opportunity to complete the School Report Card Opinion survey for the academic year. Students in grades 3-5 are taking the SC READY assessment in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Math, and 4th graders will take the SC PASS Science assessment in May.

Our school continues in its focus to provide a rich, Arts-infused environment as a school of choice on the island, and the SIC partners with internal and external stakeholders to promote a school climate characterized by exceptional student academic achievement, teacher retention/morale, and communication.

HHIESCA administrators, teachers and staff have adopted a focus dedicated to streamlining behavioral and academic practices consistently across the school, through use of PBIS incentives, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and strategies within classrooms as a means to reinforce with students expected and positive behaviors, and promote overall wellness. The school SIC continues to support the endeavors of staff in working with all students to facilitate academic, social, and emotional growth and works together to determine ways in which the community may engage with the school to support all learners.

Parent and Community Involvement

- Meet and Greet for all classes at start of 2021-2022 school year. (August 2021)
- Fall Virtual Family Math & ESOL Night (November 2021)
- HHIESCA 3rd Annual Gullah Festival (February 2022)
- BRAVO Celebration of the Arts (May 2022)
- Virtual Title I Parent Feedback Nights in Winter and Spring 2022—Facilitated through SIC
- The HHIESCA & Daufuskie PTO groups have supported the school through the following activities:

Teacher School Supply Bar (Fall 2021)

Santa’s Workshop Event (December 2021)

Staff Holiday Sweet Treats Bar (December 2021)

HHIESCA Staff Valentine’s Day Appreciation Lunch (February 2022)

Monetary Donations for Classroom Supplies

Individualized Fundraising Efforts to Support School Families

School Spirit Wear & Shop with Scrip Fundraising

Facilitation of SCA Staff Appreciation Week, May 2022

Support of Teacher and Staff Member of the Year, May 2022

Support of Spring Water and Field Day, May 2022

Support of 5th Grade Stepping Up Initiatives, Spring 2022

Halloween Fall Fest & Chili Cookoff with D’Fuskies

Winter Wonderland & Oyster Roast with Tour Daufuskie and D’Fuskies

Spring Oyster Roast & BBQ at Jolly Shores with Dolphin Management

Events

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. We value facilitation of activities that will broaden the experiences of our students in the Arts and strive to partner with all community shareholders to provide Arts-infused academic opportunities to strengthen preparedness of students as they grow in an ever-changing global society.

- 1st grade field trip to the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina to view the Charlotte Ballet (March 2022)
- 2nd grade virtual field trip to the SC Aquarium (September 2021)
- 2nd grade field trip to Coastal Discovery Museum (April 2022)
- 3rd and 4th grade field trip to the Port Royal Maritime Center (April and May 2022)
- 3rd grade Sweetgrass Basket event through Artists in Residence Dino Badger and Michael Smalls (February 2022)
- 3rd and 4th grade field trip to the HH Orchestra at the HH Presbyterian Church (April 2022)
- 3rd—5th grade participation in the GT Drama Festival (March 2022)
- 4th grade field trip to Jazz for Young People Concert at HH High School (October 2021)
- 5th graders participate field trip to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler, GA (March 2022)
- 5th grade participation in the Japanese Cultural Festival in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (March 2022)
- 5th grade musical presentation of *I Have a Dream* before the school community (March 2022)
- 1st—5th graders constructed lanterns for the HH Lantern Parade (November 2021)
- Winter Arts Festival—HHIESCA Singers, Bells and Arts Clubs (December 2021)
- HHIESCA Singers Club performed at the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (November 2021)
- HHIESCA and Daufuskie students each held Holiday musical programs on site (December 2021)
- Afterschool Drama Club community presentation of *Peter Pan, Jr.* (April 2022)
- Six (6) students met criteria for designation as Artistically Gifted and Talented (April 2022)
- BRAVO Celebration of Arts-infused learning (May 2022)

Accomplishments and Special Activities

- HHIESCA was awarded \$12,000.00 grant for the 2021-2022 year (Fall 2021)
- HHIESCA had 13 students publish entries in the Spring 2022 River of Words Art and Poetry book for Beaufort County School District.
- All HHIESCA teachers participated in Roundhouse for Teachers workshop training in the Spring of 2022, hosted by the HHIESCA Related Arts instructional team
- Related Arts teachers participated in the virtual Palmetto State Arts in Education (PSAE) Insight Conference (October 2021)
- Mrs. Singleton and Ms. Costley attended the SCATA Title I Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC (October 2021)
- Mrs. Lucas completed the Principals Induction Program (PIP) cohort through the South Carolina Department of Education Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development (Fall 2021– Spring 2022)
- Mrs. Friend-Kerr led the school in obtaining grants through the Foundation of Educational Excellence and Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc., funding student-led projects of construction of a Pickleball court on school grounds and programming of robots in the Lego and Technology classroom (respectively).
- Mr. Bauman and the Special Education Department facilitated participation of students of the intensive support classroom in the Hilton Head school cluster Special Olympics activity (April 2022)
- Mr. Bauman facilitated community partnerships in student health and wellness initiatives by scheduling a rotation of tennis lessons for 4th & 5th graders with Public Tennis, Inc.; swimming lessons for 2nd & 3rd graders with Island Recreation Center; and Lacrosse lessons with Hilton Head Island High School.
- Mr. Schmidt facilitated presentations by the HH Public library with all students, grades 1-5.

Respectfully Submitted by 2021-2022 SIC Committee Members

Chair: Leslie Shaw **Vice Chair:** Erin Quinn
Secretary: Mark Sadler
Parents: Amanda Edwards - Aurora Flores - Heather Zolton - Leslie Shaw - Mike Quigley -
Teachers: Jayme Wilson - Mark Sadler - Sandra Courtney
Community: Donna Fonseca - Kelley Littell - Beverly Ohemeng - Marasol Jenkins
Principal: Pamela Lucas - **Assistant Principal:** Anita Singleton - **Support Staff:** Amanda Lofton