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# BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

201 RHOMBOID PLACE, NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29841

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## School Improvement Council's Annual Report to Parents



The 2018-2019 School Improvement Council (SIC) has flourished under the leadership of Mrs. Michelle Fowler. As a committee, we have reviewed, revised and adopted a set of by-laws for our SIC, we have identified 3 goal areas for our school, and subgroups have been created action plans to achieve

those goals. The goals are 1) Increase student achievement through an increase in volunteers for our Mentoring and Tutoring Program, 2) Improve the School Facility, and 3) Increase parent involvement by providing parenting workshops targeted at providing parents with social and academic strategies and their application for their child/children.

**2018 – 2019**

### SIC Committee Members

Michelle Fowler, Chairperson

Tabatha Younts, Vice-Chairperson

Phaedra Holtzclaw, Secretary

Kimmerie Allen, Ex-Officio

Tiffany Williams, Member, Ex-Officio

Erika Woehler, Member

Regina Hall, Faculty Representative

Salvatore Minolfo, Ex-Officio

Lisa Chapman, Faculty Representative

Chris Wyatt, Community Member

Sandy Haskell, Community Member

This year, as a result of the SIC goals, we have seen an increase of volunteers (on average over 40 per week), which provides students with greater opportunities for success this year.

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### The Mission of Belvedere Elementary School

Our mission at Belvedere Elementary is to facilitate the development of higher order thinking skills, citizenship skills, and inspire leadership abilities of a diverse population by using a combination of core knowledge curriculum and direct instruction. All stakeholders will accept the responsibility of fostering a safe environment of shared values, equality and unity.

***Belvedere Elementary School is an AdvancED accredited school.***

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## 2018-2019 School Year Update

We envision our school as a place to “Live, Love, Learn, and Leave a Legacy.” At Belvedere, we accomplish this by accepting no excuses, showing growth for all students in our care, and having one mission: developing citizenship, leadership, and higher order thinking skills.

Last year, academically, our third, fourth and fifth grade students demonstrated success on the South Carolina READY (English/Language Arts and Math) and PASS (Science and Social Studies). In many categories, the students exceeded the state average for performance. We demonstrate our mission and vision daily by engaging and challenging our students and by the continuous professional development of our teachers and staff. This year our teachers have increased their “toolboxes” with professional development in the reading, writing, and research workshop model, Level Literacy Intervention (LLI), text-dependent analysis (TDA), and strategies for English Language Learners (ELLs). To ensure our students are developing world-class knowledge and skills, our students had access to various acceleration programs and interventions: System 44/Read 180 intervention, Fountas & Pinnell guided reading benchmark and intervention system, science kits, small group instruction, Waterford Learning program and Compass software, reading coach and systematic vocabulary instruction. At Belvedere Elementary, we also have various programs designed to

focus on the life and career skills students need to be productive citizens. Examples of how we have embedded citizenship and leadership include service clubs such as student council, safety patrol, Bear Cadets, DARE, guidance programs, Science Day, and participation in a Veterans’ Day program. In addition, our students have demonstrated success in several school district and community events. Several of our students participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest, BES Talent Show, Special Olympics, and the North Augusta Arts and Heritage visual arts exhibition.

We also partnered with numerous community members to provide social development clubs for students including a mentoring group and running club. Examples of ways we attend to the holistic needs of students include continued partnerships with Golden Harvest Food Bank’s backpack program to provide access to nutritious food over weekends and holidays and Laces for Love to provide new shoes and socks to needy students.

Finally, to help connect all of the knowledge, skills, and characteristics our students need to be competitive, we have incorporated extensive classroom and hand-held technology into our school environment. At Belvedere Elementary School, we believe all of our stakeholders share in creating our future.

	2016	2017	2018
3rd SC Ready ELA	46	58	42.6
3rd SC Ready Math	47	56	54.3
4th SC Ready ELA	40	36	54.2
4th SC Ready Math	46	57	57.3
4th PASS Science	58	49	61.1
5th SC Ready ELA	41	38	40.8
5th SC Ready Math	57	40	50.0
5th PASS Social Studies	68	53	85.7

If you are interested in participating as a member of the BES School Improvement Council, please contact the school office at 803-442-6330 or email Salvatore Minolfo, principal, at [sminolfo@acpsd.net](mailto:sminolfo@acpsd.net)