

Schofield Middle School

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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# SCHOFIELD MIDDLE RICH IN HISTORY: THEN & NOW

Schofield Middle School...  
is a school rich in history THEN and NOW!

## **THEN:**

Our school has a rich history and tradition from its original creation in 1868 by Martha Schofield. The current school sits on the original 1870 site and was adopted by Aiken County in 1951. Since then, the school has been rebuilt and updated, most recently with a massive reconstruction project completed in 2003. In 2019,

## **NOW:**

Schofield Middle School has been chosen as the first Cambridge International Lower Secondary School in South Carolina. Cambridge International programs inspire students to love learning, helping them discover new abilities and a wider world..



## Vision

Our Schofield family will create reflective scholars by cultivating global perspectives, tailored opportunities, positive relationships, and cultural awareness

## Mission

### **Global Perspectives:**

We will cultivate global perspectives by implementing the Cambridge attributes, fostering cross-curricular instruction, integrating fine arts and designing curriculum and instruction with a global focus.

### **Tailored Learning Opportunities:**

We will intentionally design tailored learning opportunities through small group instruction, personalized learning, technology incorporation, and purposeful interventions based upon formative assessment data.

### **Positive Relationships:**

We will establish and maintain positive stakeholder relationships by fostering positive communication and involvement, implementing restorative practices and valuing student ownership of positive learner attributes.

### **Cultural Awareness:**

We will promote cultural awareness through a comprehensive plan of professional learning that addresses responsive pedagogy, incorporates relevant instructional strategies, and serves the needs of the Schofield Family.



# South Carolina's First Cambridge Lower Secondary Middle School 2019-20

Grades 7-8  
Enrollment: 583

## Cambridge Attributes

In Year one of Our Cambridge Program, we focused on teaching our students how to recognize and exhibit the five Cambridge Attributes. The Cambridge Learner Attributes included teaching our students what it means to be confident, responsible, reflective, innovative, and engaged learners. Student were rewarded "RAMS BUCKS" when spotted exhibiting one or more of these attributes.

## SIC GOALS 19-20

Our School Improvement Council goals involved working with the school to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers to promote academic achievement. This was accomplished by establishing a recruitment and retention committee. This committee met regularly to discuss ways to attract highly qualified teachers at the annual ACPSD Job Fair during the 2019-20 School Year. This committee worked hard to create a marketing strategy that included effectively marketing our school at the ACPSD Job Fair.

Our School Improvement Council also worked collaboratively with the school and community to foster and sustain positive relationships. Activities were planned throughout the year. A Cambridge International Festival was held. It turned out to be a night that filled the school with food, information, and fun from the many countries represented.

Also throughout the year, gatherings were held to unify our faculty and staff. These included the Battle of the Bowls Chili Cook-off, Thanksgiving Gathering and our Christmas Caroling in our Schofield Communities.



## Outstanding Programs and Student Engagements

- High School Credit awarded for Algebra I, Geometry I, Spanish I, German, I, French I, Theatre I, Art I, and IT Fundamentals
- Fine Arts program expanded to not only include band, strings, chorus, health, and physical education, a Synergistic Lab for STEM activities, and technology but also three foreign languages, theatre and art GT classes with a bonus of an Invictus Program housed at SMS
- READING & MATH 180 Offered to help improve literacy skills
- Athletics: Football, Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Golf.
- 2019-20 County Champions: Football and Boy's Basketball
- Clubs: Academic Bowl, Battle of the Books, FCA, Yearbook, H.A.M. Radio Club, Future City's, Student Council, Invictus, Debate, Current Events, Creative Writing, Chess, Cambridge Heroes, Applied Sciences, Steel Drums, Public Speaking
- National Junior Beta Club Community Service included visiting the Assisted Living home to wrap gifts for the tenants, sponsored a car in the local Christmas parade ; provided treats to teachers pre-holiday break, served as host and ushers during Veteran's Day Program and Black History Month Program
- Community Service: Food Bank Drives, Coat Drives, Project Zebra's Shoe Drive
- RAMS Reflections News Show
- Library Media Center Helpers



## Achievements

- Schofield Middle named the first Cambridge Lower Secondary Middle School in South Carolina
- Expanded our Fine Arts programming to include our Band, Chorus, Strings classes as well as 3 foreign language classes, high school credit art, theatre, and instructional technology courses
- Host a Synergistic Lab to enhance STEM classes
- Celebrated two of our SMS students making Region Band
- Recognized nine of our students for making All County Honor Band
- Created the RAMS Reflections News Show to share daily announcements
- Hosted a school wide Spelling Bee
- Celebrated READ 180 positive gains. Eighty-seven percent of 7th & 8th Grade students improved reading Lexile scores on the December 2019 Reading Inventory Test. Thirty-one percent of those students scored high enough to move their reading category up to the next level.
- Invictus expanded from 3 students to 20 students this school year. This group performed at our SMS Black History Month presentation.
- Recognized our 7th Grade ELA teacher, Angela Aaron as our 2019-20 SMS Teacher of the Year
- Recognized our Library Media Aide with the 2019-20 GEM Award- Donna Hilton
- Received a School Arts Material Grant from South Carolina Arts Commission
- Participated in the Lions Club Worldwide Art Contest: Journey of Peace and recognized 7th Grade Student – Ezra Sadsad as our school-wide winner

# ENSURING SUCCESS FOR ALL SMS STUDENTS!

## OPEN COMMUNICATION DURING PANDEMIC W/ OUR SMS PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

### **Spring Distance Learning**

- Provided each student distance learning packets
- Contacted parents and students via email and phone calls to check on health, well-being, and status of school work

### **Drive -through celebrations**

- Created and presented on big screen TV an end of the year video capturing big events taking place @ SMS including yearbook picture of each eighth grade students.
- Celebrated our 8th Grade students milestone by lining up along entrance to cheer our 8th grade students on to their next adventure - high school!
- 2019-20 Athletic Awards

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### **Fall Distance Learning**

ACPSD offered two models:

- Hybrid: 2 cohorts set up - Blue Cohort attended M-T; Red Cohort attended W - Th
- Virtual: offered Aiken Innovate Virtual Learning for students who opted out of the ACPSD Hybrid model

### **Hybrid Model @ SMS**

- Health and Safety was #1 priority - recognized as the Safety Leader in the ACPSD middle schools!
- Created an operations and safety plan, communication plan, and implementation plan. Each was presented and posted as video on school website and social media
- Offered LEAP week opportunities to learn execution of plan for smooth and safe start of school year for the hybrid model students
- Offered Books2Go @ SMS for students to be able to "order" books online to read.

### **Virtual School Model in ACPSD**

- As requested, students were provided a laptop and hotspot for use with virtual classes
- Tailored resources specific to SMS parents and students provided quick access to technology links posted on school website along with a technology help request link
- Contacted parents and students via email and phone calls to check on health, well-being, and status of school work
- Professional Development offered to virtual school teachers
- Proactive communication by Schofield faculty and staff to check with students and parents regarding their needs and progress
- Offered Books2Go @ SMS for students to be able to "order" books online to read.



# SIC COMMITTEE 2019-20

"This report is issued by the Schofield Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with the South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC and other accomplishments during the school year"

## 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP

Elected Members

Tracy Finch - Teacher (Chair)

Christina Chandler - Teacher

Jessica Fuller - Parent

Laura Gossett - Parent

Sylvia Hazel - Parent

Raquel Tucker - Parent

## Appointed Members

Mary Allison Pettigrew - Community Member

Betty Ryberg - Community Member

## Ex-Officio Members

Scott Floyd - Principal

Jasmine Scott - Assistant Principal

Monica Mance - Title I parent Advisory Council Representative



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