

# SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2014-2015



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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD PRINCIPAL KENNY FARRELL

Summerville High School home of the Green Wave! Established in 1924, SHS has developed a tradition of pride and excellence in a multitude of areas including, but not limited to, academics, fine arts and athletics. Summerville High School had another great year, scoring EXCELLENT on the Absolute rating of our school report card which means that our school substantially exceeded the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision.

We have continued to grow in our programs to fulfill our mission to prepare our students to be lifelong learners who are caring productive citizens, and as a result our school community has ex-

panded in its achievements and accolades. We offer an Early College program, Accelerate Engineering program, ECPI, a STEM Academy, dual enrollment opportunities, a Bio-medical program, Sports Medicine program, Media Technology program and a wide variety of Advanced Placement classes and extensive testing utilizing ACT, WorkKeys and ASVAB to ensure that our students are competitive for admission into colleges, armed forces and/or the work force. For the upcoming school year, we will start the first on-site Banking program partnering with Heritage Trust and through our Career and Technology courses providing the only school in Dorchester 2 to have on-site Banking ser-

vices for our students and faculty, staffed by our own students and teachers.

As we go into the 2015-2016 school year, I am proud of the accomplishments achieved through the hard work and dedication of our staff and most importantly, our students. The Summerville community has great reason to celebrate the product of Dorchester 2 schools through their contributions financially, in mentorships and time donated, employment and other resources that they provide to our students. It truly take a village to raise a child! I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our future generations of Green Wave.

The purpose of this report is to provide vital information about our school to all of stakeholders so that we can be informed collaborators in making Summerville High School the best school in the state of South Carolina.

#### Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Summerville High School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and challenging learning environment which prepares and encourages all students to be lifelong learners who are caring, productive citizens.

#### SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Enrollment as of 4/2015: 2,786  
HSAP First-Attempt Passage Rate 95.4%  
On-Time Graduation Rate 81.6%  
EOC Passage Rates

- ♦ Algebra I .....85.8%
- ♦ English I .....74.5%
- ♦ Biology.....82.8%
- ♦ U.S. History .....74.0%

#### WE ARE CONNECTED!

Students and parents can connect with us on Facebook by "liking" us at <https://www.facebook.com/shsgreenwave>.  
Students and parents can also sign up for text reminders: text @shswave16 to 81010.  
If parents are members of our school fusion, they can elect to receive daily email updates from SHS.  
Summerville High School also has a new webpage: [http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Summerville\\_High\\_School](http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Summerville_High_School).

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

- ♦ Valerie Blunt
- ♦ Courtney Bunao
- ♦ Preston Giet
- ♦ Brooks Harlow
- ♦ Trey Hodges
- ♦ Michelle Leviner
- ♦ Jennifer Tracy

## 2015-2016 Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement:

### Goal 1: To improve aesthetic appearance of SHS:

Each year, SHS continues to work on painting, repairing and adding more aesthetically pleasing designs and photos in the hallways in common areas. Some examples are large billboards listing last ten years of Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Student Body President. Displaying yearly 4ft by 8ft photo banners of our students in athletics / fine arts hanging in the main gym. School Emblems are also placed in hallways throughout the school. SHS is continually working to continue to add and improve the physical appearance.

### Goal 2: To continue to increase student school spirit.

Plans were developed and discussed to have split pep rallies were upperclassmen and underclassmen were separated to allow

all groups to fit in the gym and participate. Upperclassmen pep rally times were adjusted to earlier times and underclassmen times were later in the afternoon. Groups of spirit students led activities during events to support programs in student sections

### Goal 3: To continue Teacher Appreciation efforts.

SHS along with its PTSA and SIC will continue its tradition of celebrating our teachers and increasing teacher morale by hosting a series of events during Teacher Appreciation Week. Scheduled events include breakfast for teachers in the principals office, different lunches for teachers, small gift packages for all teachers, and a "raffle" of gifts donated by SIC members and their friends, family, and the businesses that they patronize in the SHS community.

## Additional Strategies to Promote Student Success:

- ◆ Ninth grade students have an advisory period during part of their lunch daily for tutoring. Upperclassmen students identified at-risk were also assigned an advisory period during part of their lunch to provide support.
- ◆ We continue to provide credit recovery opportunities for students who are behind in their classes or in the number of credits needed for graduation.
- ◆ Each department posts a tutoring matrix to inform students of tutoring opportunities before and after school.
- ◆ School wide Student Improvement Plans have been created to encourage mastery of course content.

## Special Honors and Awards:

- ◆ Elizabeth Hayes - Guidance Counselor of the Year
- ◆ Kelly Walker -Teacher of the Year and district finalist
- ◆ Joshua Horton - Rookie Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Logan Riley - Rookie Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Marvin Jenkins - Star Performer of the Year

## A Sample of Our 2015-2016 School Achievements:

- ◆ Summerville High School was awarded "Gold" status by the State Department of Education.
- ◆ SHS along with the two other DD2 high schools scored "A" on the federal report card ranking #12 in points among 82 districts in the state.
- ◆ Summerville High School students have participated in and been successful in a variety of academic events and competitions, including Quest, the Winthrop Model United Nations Competition, several essay-writing competitions, and Robotics.
- ◆ Summerville NJROTC cadets earned several awards and were named a National Distinguished Unit.
- ◆ Sam Shakibanasab was named

one of the top 50 STEM students in the nation by STEM PREMIER.

- ◆ Almost half of our graduates were Life and Hope scholarship qualifiers. Over \$13 million in scholarship were offered to our graduates.

### Athletics:

- ◆ SHS Baseball Region Champs
- ◆ SHS Softball Region Champs
- ◆ SHS Girls Basketball Region Champs
- ◆ SHS Girls Track Region Champs
- ◆ SHS Girls and Boys Tennis teams Region Champs

### Fine Arts:

- ◆ SHS Marching Band State Champions
- ◆ SHS Color Guard State Champions
- ◆ Ann Bailey received an Award

of Excellence in the National PTA Reflections competition for Film Production.

- ◆ Jacob Hines was named to the All-State Orchestra
- ◆ Six students were inducted into the Dance National Honor Society

### WAVE TV (Media Tech)

- ◆ Best Broadcast in the state by the SC Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA)
- ◆ Named Best Videography, Reporter, and News Story in the south by the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA)
- ◆ Awarded the Academy Of Scholastic Broadcasting (ASB) story of the year.
- ◆ Students won 3rd place for their documentary on student visas in the C-SPAN Student Cam documentary contest.

## SIC Members

Kenny Farrell, Principal  
Kelly Kennedy, SIC Chair  
Michelle Leviner, Assistant Principal  
Tara Bailey, PTSA Rep

### Students:

- ◆ Blythe Byerly
- ◆ Matthew Reeves

### Parents:

- ◆ Camilla Groome
- ◆ Mary Lynn Harlow
- ◆ Dana Kieber
- ◆ Liz Lybrand
- ◆ Robin Pye
- ◆ Scott Turner

### Faculty:

- ◆ Anthony Citro
- ◆ Erin Greenblat
- ◆ Noelle Hauck
- ◆ Alice Kelley
- ◆ Debra White