



# Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary

22-23 School Improvement Council Report To Parents

April 2023



The **Mission** of Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary and Aiken County Public Schools, the unifying agent of new horizons and extraordinary possibilities, is to ensure all students thrive as future-ready, globally mindful, and productive citizens through a responsive and inclusive school system distinguished by

- High quality and student-centered learning experiences
- Transformative, stakeholder partnerships
- A culture of purpose, innovation, and excellence

## School Wide Data

MAP Growth (Fall 2022 - Spring 2023)		
% of Students Meeting Growth Target		
Grade	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Grade 1	43%	66%
Grade 2	44%	61%
Grade 3	56%	49%
Grade 4	34%	55%
Grade 5	52%	39%
Schoolwide	46%	54%

### SIC Members

**Parent Members:**

Rosa Rios Balcazar  
Keyosha Morris  
Dorilene Hopkins

**Community Members:**

Deonna Brown  
Rex Roof  
Qwen Etheredge

**Teacher Members:**

Tonya Rodgers  
Denise McCurry  
Pamela Chestnut  
Lynn Sawyer

**Ex Officio Members:**

Callie Herlong  
Sharon McCain (TOY)

### Goals



**Goal 1 (Teacher Quality)**

Monitor professional development for all teachers to improve instruction



**Goal 2 (School Climate)**

Monitor our incentive program that rewards good choices and improves school climate



**Goal 3 (Student Achievement)**

Monitor celebrations of student growth

### School Beliefs

Raising achievement  
Setting standards  
Motivating excellence  
Empowering each other  
Striving for success

### School Vision

To increase student achievement by implementing a rigorous and engaging curriculum.

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# Progress

Throughout this year, we have remained focused on achieving the goals established by the SIC and our School Renewal Plan.

Our K to 3 teachers are receiving weekly training with Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS).

To improve school climate, students are rewarded for making good choices. To encourage good behavior, students earn tickets for being safe, respectful, and responsible. Students are able to use their tickets to shop at the Trojan Store. Students who demonstrate good character are honored each month as Terrific Kids.

Students are recognized for academic growth and achievement. As students make gains, they receive certificates and have their names announced. Awards ceremonies are held to honor students' success.

## Making Learning Fun

- Literacy Night
- STEM Activities
- Field Trips
- Book Fairs
- High Five Fridays
- Spirit/Dress Up Days
- Veterans' Day Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Winter & Spring Musicals
- Guest Readers
- Aiken Center for the Arts Workshop
- Black History Celebration
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Field Day



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- \* District Professional Development Days
- \* ELA and Math Conferences
- \* LETRS Training (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)
- \* HMH Into Reading Curriculum Implementation
- \* Professional Learning Communities
- \* Safe Schools Trainings

## Teacher of the Year



Mrs. McCain has been teaching for 39 years. Although she is from South Carolina, she has taught in Virginia, California, Louisiana, and Missouri. She returned to South Carolina 20 years ago. She enjoys painting and singing. Mrs. McCain is grateful to be part of the RS-M Elementary community.

## GEM of the Year



Ms. Jeffery has worked at RS-M for 17 years. She enjoys giving back to the community and supporting our students. You can always find Ms. Jeffery attending our middle and high school sporting events.

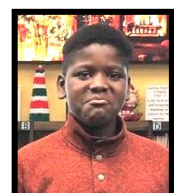
## spelling bee winners



First Place  
Briggs Smith



Second Place  
Adalynn Holsomback



Third Place  
Abram Mack

## Purpose of Report

This report is issued by RS-M Elementary's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina's 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.