

Blue Ridge Middle School is a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina. As part of the Greenville County School District, Blue Ridge Middle has the largest geographical attendance area, currently serving 910 students.

Blue Ridge Middle now in its 29th year, has several staff members who were a vital part of the school's induction year and are still making an impact in the community today. The current site location is the site of the original Blue Ridge High School built in 1954. The building was completely renovated in 2001.

Blue Ridge Middle School provides opportunities for students to take courses that offer high school credit Carnegie Units: Honors Algebra I, English I Honors, Spanish I, Art I, Google Basics/Google Multimedia, and Desktop Publishing. Gifted and Talented offerings are available in Language Arts and Math through the Challenge Program as well. Blue Ridge also offers a variety of extracurricular activities. Teams include baseball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer, basketball, and girls' volleyball.

Students are given the opportunity to audition for and participate in a school-wide theatrical performance each year.

## What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

### SIC MEMBERS

Kelli Bechtel – Teacher

Donna Burgess-Tetacher

Angie Styles – Chair

Sheila Earley- Assistant Principal

Paige West-Lundeen- Teacher

Nicole Rainey – Parent

Jim Barbare - Community Member

Becky Greene - Principal

### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Blue Ridge Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with 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.”*

**...Reaching, Teaching, Inspiring**

## Blue Ridge Middle School

### *SIC Report to the Community/Parents 2016-2017*



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## Blue Ridge Middle- SIC Goals

- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school.
- Develop a safe, responsible, and respectful school environment.
- Develop practices, processes and technologies for open and effective communication.

### District Goals

- Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.
- Ensure quality personnel in all positions.
- Provide a school environment supportive of learning.
- Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources.
- Improve public understanding and support of public schools.

Goals are reviewed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and the faculty to assess progress and to create and implement successful strategies.

## Peaks and Points

- ❖ Lunch and Learn – Selected students meet with industry professionals to learn about a variety of careers.
- ❖ Women at Work – Selected female students meet with female industry and business professionals to learn about opportunities careers
- ❖ Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) –Initiative to present positive male role models to enhance school security and to reduce bullying.

Leaders Luncheon- encouraging students to explore their leadership potential through positive interactions

Beyond Differences- Promoting social inclusivity within the school and through social media

Terrific Tiger Program– Mentoring, Career Education, and Service Learning Program for selected students to encourage success.

## Accomplishments for 2016

-The passage rate for End of Course testing for Algebra I and English I was 100 % for 2015-2016 school year

-Beta Club-members have logged over 600 service hours in the community this year: assisted with Down's Syndrome Walk at Furman and the Area 4 Special Olympics

-Beta Club were 1<sup>st</sup> place in the following categories: Trading pin, Sketching, woodworking

-Beta Club placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state in the following areas: group talent, wreath, T-shirt design and social studies.

-We raised over \$2,089 for the Leukemia Society through our annual Pennies for Patients campaign.

-Greenville County Middle School Art Exhibition winners- 1<sup>st</sup> place drawing winners in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 1<sup>st</sup> place design/mixed media winner in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

-South Carolina Performance Assessment superior rating 1 all-state, 1 region band and 5 students were Greenville All-County Band

-PTA reflection winner- 1<sup>st</sup> place in drawing and theme

- 2016 Girls Basketball District Champions

-2016 Boys Basketball Region Champions

-Student Council collected over 4,000 canned goods to support local food pantries