AYNOR HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL BYLAWS

Horry County Schools | Aynor, South Carolina

Proposed for Council Review and Adoption — 2026–2027

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Aynor High School School Improvement Council (SIC).

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the SIC is to provide opportunities for parents, teachers, students, and community members to work collaboratively with school leadership to support continuous school improvement.

The council will support Aynor High School's vision of being the best school in South Carolina—the best place to learn and the best place to work—and its goal of ensuring that 100% of students graduate on time and are college and career ready.

Section 3. Responsibilities

The council shall:

1. Provide input on the school's improvement plan and annual updates.
2. Review school performance data, goals, and progress.
3. Recommend strategies to improve student achievement, graduation rates, college and career readiness, school climate, and family engagement.
4. Assist with the annual SIC Report to Parents and the school's state report card narrative.
5. Encourage positive relationships among the school, families, and community.
6. Provide other assistance requested by the principal.

The SIC serves in an advisory capacity and does not make administrative, personnel, or disciplinary decisions.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Composition

In accordance with South Carolina law, the council shall include:

- At least two parents elected by parents of students enrolled at Aynor High School.
- At least two teachers elected by the faculty.
- At least two students elected by the student body.
- Community representatives and other members appointed by the principal.
- The principal, serving as an ex-officio member.

Additional school leaders and representatives may serve as ex-officio members.

Elected members must constitute at least two-thirds of the combined elected and appointed membership, excluding ex-officio members.

Section 2. Terms

Elected members shall serve staggered two-year terms. Parents of students or students in their final year of enrollment may serve one-year terms as allowed by state law.

Appointed members shall ordinarily serve two-year terms and may be reappointed. Ex-officio members serve by virtue of their positions.

Section 3. Elections and Appointments

Elections shall occur annually, no later than October 15, following procedures that provide all eligible parents, faculty, and students an opportunity to participate in their respective elections.

The principal shall appoint community representatives as needed to maintain balanced representation and compliance with state law.

Vacancies shall be filled through an appropriate election or appointment consistent with the category of membership and applicable law.

Section 4. Member Expectations

Council members are expected to attend meetings regularly, participate respectfully, represent their stakeholder groups, and support the school's improvement efforts.

Members shall respect student and employee privacy and avoid discussing confidential individual matters during public council meetings.

Article III – Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

Section 2. Election and Terms

Officers shall be elected annually by the council from its elected and appointed members. Officers may be reelected.

Section 3. Duties

Chairperson: Presides over meetings, works with the principal to establish agendas, and provides leadership for council activities.

Vice Chairperson: Assists the chairperson and presides when the chairperson is absent.

Secretary: Maintains meeting minutes, attendance records, and other council records and coordinates with the school to make required records available.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The council shall meet at least four times during the school year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Section 2. Public Meetings

Meetings shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Meeting schedules, notices, agendas, and minutes shall be maintained and made available as required by law.

Section 3. Quorum and Voting

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the currently serving elected and appointed council members.

Each elected or appointed member shall have one vote. Ex-officio members shall serve in an advisory, nonvoting capacity.

Actions shall be approved by a majority of votes cast by eligible members present when a quorum exists, unless these bylaws require a greater vote.

Section 4. Meeting Procedures

Meetings shall follow an established agenda and encourage respectful, productive discussion. The chairperson shall guide meetings in a fair and orderly manner.

Article V – Committees and School Improvement Activities

The council may establish temporary committees or workgroups to address school improvement priorities.

Potential areas of focus include:

- Student achievement and academic success.
- Graduation and college and career readiness.
- School safety, culture, and climate.
- Parent and community engagement.
- Student experiences and opportunities.

Committees shall report recommendations to the full council. The council shall work collaboratively with the principal when pursuing improvement initiatives.

Article VI – Annual Responsibilities

Each school year, the council shall:

7. Review school improvement goals and available performance data.
8. Identify priorities for council involvement.
9. Monitor progress toward selected improvement goals.
10. Assist in preparing and sharing the annual SIC Report to Parents.
11. Provide input for the school's state report card narrative.
12. Review its membership, attendance, effectiveness, and compliance requirements.

Article VII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voting members present at a meeting where a quorum exists, provided proposed amendments have been shared with members at least ten calendar days in advance.

All amendments must comply with South Carolina law and applicable Horry County Schools policies.

Article VIII – Adoption

These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Aynor High School School Improvement Council, following any required legal or SC-SIC review.

Date Adopted: _____

SIC Chairperson: _____

Principal: _____

Date of Last Review: _____