

## **School Achievements**

**Robotics:** Our VEX robotics teams had another fantastic season! All 3 of our VEX IQ teams qualified for and competed at the state competition. Our 5 VRC teams also qualified for and competed at state. We had 1 team advance all the way to finals before being defeated. Another team finished with a 2nd place finish overall in the skills only competition. We are super proud of all of their work. Three of the VRC teams have also qualified for and will be competing in the VEX Robotics World Championship in May. This event was scheduled for Dallas in April, but has been rescheduled as a virtual event in May. We will be competing against teams from 30 different countries around the globe.

**Band:** Performed an outdoors concert for Oakview Retirement Home during the pandemic. Performed our first Virtual Fall Concert. Three students earned chairs in the Region 1 Honor Band. Three students earned chairs in the Region 1 Alternate Band. One student earned an alternate seat in the South Carolina All-State Band.

**Musical Theatre:** Our theatre program is performing High School Musical Jr. in May 2021.

**Football:** AOP Division 2 Conference Champions.

**Boys and Girls Basketball:** AOP Division 2 Conference and Tournament Champions.

## **Powdersville Middle SIC Members**

Chad Mustin – Chairperson-Faculty/Elected  
Todd Binnicker – Ex Officio  
Mark McCall – Ex Officio  
Kevin Williams - Ex Officio  
Shelby Goodman – Faculty/Elected  
Jean Nimmer - Faculty/Elected  
Rebecca Drayton - Faculty/Elected  
Megan Cole– Parent/Elected  
Danna Lewis - Community/Appointed  
Tina Dayberry - Community/Appointed

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### **Purpose of the Report**

*“This Report is issued by the Powdersville 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.”*

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## **Powdersville Middle Annual SIC “Report to the Parents” 2020-21**



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## **SIC Annual Goals**

Goal #1 - PVMS will continue its tradition of excellence by maintaining a Gold Award status through the South Carolina Department of Education's Palmetto Gold and Silver School Awards.

Goal # 2 - Continue to provide face-to-face instruction for the entire school year in order to prevent school closure due to COVID-19. This will be accomplished by maintaining the health and safety protocols to minimize the spread of the virus.

GOAL #3 - Continue to provide opportunities for our students who are virtual to feel connected with our school.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from both inside the school and outside the school help guide policies, resources, procedures, and vision for Powdersville Middle School.

## **Student Achievement**

**Academics:** It is a great honor to inform our parents and community members that Powdersville Middle was recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award-winning middle school. This award demonstrates a school's commitment to excellence and ensuring every student meets the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. It is designed to recognize schools for attaining high levels of absolute performance, for attaining high rates of growth, and for making substantial progress in closing the achievement gap between disaggregated groups.

Powdersville Middle was recently named as a National Beta School of Merit for the 2020-2021 school year. Junior Beta Club is open to students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Members must maintain an average of 85 or higher in all of their classes. Beta Club isn't exclusively about academics, however. The true focus of the club is the community service projects that the members perform. Beta Club members are required to complete three community service hours per nine weeks. This is how students at Powdersville Middle live out of the Beta Club motto: "let us lead by serving others." Our chapter has almost 300 members in it, including over 100 new inductees in the spring of 2021. The thousands of community service hours that have been worked by our members, in just this year alone, are the reasons we qualified for national recognition.

*"For more information, you may view Powdersville Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."*

## **Additional Information**

PVMS Student Council 2020-21 members carried out the theme : *You can't stop a Patriot!* as they encouraged everyone to stay positive with media posts, notes to teachers, being thankful, and being friendly. Holiday Happiness Week featured dress-up days and a canned food drive for United Christian Ministries. They sold concessions at basketball games and sold snacks at recess to raise money for the March of Dimes. They are planning to do a campus clean-up before school is out this year.

Our school yearbook staff received a Program of Excellence award from Jostens for the tenth year in a row!

Finally, our PTSO and School Improvement Council have once again proven to be tremendous assets for our school. Many thanks to all who participated and volunteered to help make our school improvement efforts such a huge success. We are fortunate to have the very best faculty and staff. I want to thank them for their ability to build and foster student relationships and create a positive learning environment for our school.