

Palmetto Middle School School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents

School Year: 2024-2025

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride that we present this year's School Improvement Council (SIC) Report to the Parents. This report highlights our school's progress, achievements, and areas of focus for continued growth. We appreciate your support and partnership in making Palmetto Middle School a safe, engaging, and successful learning environment for every student.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rodney McCorkle
Principal, Palmetto Middle School

About the School Improvement Council

The SIC is a collaborative group of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members working together to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement within our school. Our goal is to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education.

SIC Members:

- Rakim Gause, Chair
- Whitney Altman, Parent Representative
- Donna Beech, Teacher Representative
- Cherelle Foxworth, Teacher Representative
- Shawn Ceo, Community Representative
- Eric Pompey, Community Representative
- Brooke Kirkland, Assistant Principal
- Carla Spry, Instructional Leader
- Dr. Rodney McCorkle, Principal

School Achievements (2024–2025)

- **Academic Growth:** Increased student proficiency in math and reading, in all grade levels. (Combined growth for Reading: 8% / Combined growth in Math: 7%)

- **Community Engagement:** Hosted family night, invited community members in for reading buddies, local barbershops provided free haircuts, and community members served as GUIDES to prepare students for SC Ready State Assessment.
 - **Student Leadership:** Launched a new leadership class taught by our Career Facilitator.
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Goals & Initiatives

1. Academic Excellence

- Continue targeted interventions for students performing below grade level.
- Engage in Professional Development focusing on reading comprehension strategies, vocabulary instruction, and fluency support; and in Math – foundational number sense, algebra readiness, and problem-solving instruction.

2. Safe & Supportive Environment

- Revise and strengthen Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.
- Increase access to resources to assist with family needs.

3. Family & Community Engagement

- Increase parent volunteer opportunities.
 - Host quarterly town halls for feedback and collaboration.
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Challenges & Areas for Growth

- Addressing chronic absenteeism in select grade levels.
 - Enhance afterschool educational program.
 - Expanding support for English Language Learners (ELL).
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How You Can Help

- Join the SIC or volunteer at school events.
- Participate in family engagement nights and workshops.
- Stay informed through newsletters, school website, and social media.