

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SIC

The School Improvement Council at Walhalla Middle School serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The SIC brings parents, educators, and community stakeholders together to work collectively to improve WMS. The council is responsible for working with the administration to develop the strategic plan and evaluating the success in reaching the goals and objectives.

The main focus area for the 2020-21 school year is to improve communication with parents. Some of our challenges from the 2018-19 parent survey indicate a need to provide positive feedback to parents as well as resources to help parents at home contribute to their child's success. Note: there was not a survey for 2019-20 due to Covid closures.

The WMS SIC welcomes your participation and encourages you to get involved. Thank you for supporting our school and your child's education.

Click on the resource tab on our webpage for more information.

*The mission of Walhalla Middle School is to work together with the home, business, and community to develop responsible and productive, lifelong learners.*

We believe...

- Education is a lifelong process in which all students can learn.
- Education will meet the needs of a changing society.
- Education will provide opportunities for students to learn effective written and oral communication skills, practice critical thinking and problem solving skills, and express ideas creatively.
- Education will also address physical, cultural, social, and emotional needs of students.
- Students will be expected to accept responsibility to be actively involved in learning.
- Students are the focus of an educational process that is valued, shared, and supported by the home, school, business, and community.
- All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect, and equality.
- Parents and guardians will be expected to be actively involved in their children's education.

# WALHALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2020



151 Razorback Lane  
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Scott Dixon  
*Principal*

Michael Thorsland, Ed.D  
*Superintendent*

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Denise McCormick, Chair

Megan Ketterman

Sandra Sloan

Dean Bare

Buddy Herring

## FINE ARTS

### Strings

Superior Rating - Eighth Grade  
2020 Concert Performance Assessment

### Band

All-County Band  
37 Students

All-Region Band  
6 Students

All-State Band  
3 Students (2 First Chair)

### Chorus

All-County Choir  
11 Students

SWUFest Choir Festival  
7th & 8th Grade

### Art

Media Center Mural  
8th Grade Advanced Class

Be Kind Fence Project  
7th Grade Advanced Class



## ATHLETICS

### Basketball - Football - Volleyball Cheerleading

Boys' Basketball Region Champs  
2019-20

Girls' Basketball Region Champs  
2018-19

Girls' Cross Country Region Champs  
2020 (WHS)

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment - 796

Caucasian - 86%

Latino - 12%

African American - 1%

Other - 1%

Free/Reduced Lunch - 50%

Teachers - 62

Media Specialist - 1

Administrators - 3

Counselors - 3

Clerical - 6

Custodians - 7

Classroom Aides - 5

Cafeteria Staff - 6

SRO - 1

Nurse - 1

Family Liaison - 1

## WMS SIC MEMBERS

Michelle Fix, Chair  
Jessica Abercrombie  
Kim Cagle  
Scott Dixon  
David Gaffney  
Wendy Gremillion  
Chad James  
Kerry Nimmons  
Melissa Robison  
Kayla Sharp  
Patricia Wooten

## STRATEGIC GOALS

(1) By 2021 Walhalla Middle School will score 85% or higher in the "agree" or "strongly agree" responses on all areas of the SDE survey for teachers, students, and parents, with 100% participation from teachers, 95% participation from students, and 80% participation from parents.

(2) By 2021 67% of students will consistently meet spring-to-spring MAP growth targets in math, reading, and language usage.

(3) Based on an individual goal setting (SLO/GBE) process, 100% of teachers will be proficient or exemplary by 2021.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts and English I  
Math and Algebra I  
Science  
Social Studies  
Art, Band, Chorus, Strings  
Gateway to Technology  
Computer Applications  
Agriculture  
Spanish Cultures and Spanish I  
Physical Education  
Yearbook and Video Broadcasting