

# **CHS Partnerships**

# Communities in Schools of South Carolina Midlands (CISSC-M)

- ◆ Provide initiatives and programs that not only support students' academic, behavioral and attendance needs, but also addressed their social and emotional needs
- Created "Let's Talk About it" in collaboration with CHS' Project Lit Book Club, to provide a safe place for a group of girls to be educated in topics focused on self-care, stress management, various relationships, and societal climate.
- Over 100 students total participated in the College and Career Readiness virtual tours organized by Benedict College, University of South Carolina, Midland Technical College etc.
- Overall, the goal for this year was to provide safe spaces for students to simply exist and emote without judge-



# Columbia High School "Home of the Capitals"

#### Annual

School Improvement Council
Report to the Parents

2020-2021



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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are Columbia High School, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potentials and dreams.

#### **SIC Members**

Mr. Johnathan Kirkwood -Chairman

Ms. Lynette Reed -Parent
Ms. Deidra Blunt -Parent
Mr. Terrence Wright -Student
Ms. Shamiari Dockery -Student
Mr. Bobby Craft -Community
Ms. Jennifer Washington -Teacher

Ms. Samantha Wallace -Teacher

Dr. Charity Ntiasagwe -Ex-Officio

Mr. Robert Washington, Principal



# Purpose of this Report

This report is issued by the Columbia High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, in the school's strategic plan.

#### POWER THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

PTSA Angel Tree & Senior Scholarships project are co-sponsored with the CHS PTSA.

#### **SIC 2020-2021 Goals**

- ♦ Support and promote the school's vision.
- ♦ Strengthen parental involvement and community partnerships.
- ◆ Create public awareness to improve public relations for the school within the community.

# **SIC Goals Summary**

In the 2020-21 school year, the School Improvement Council collaborated with the PTSA executive board and the school administration to review the School's Strategic Plan to ensure that the SIC goals are aligned with the school goals. The SIC collaborated with the school administration and the PTSA in its efforts to create public awareness, strengthen parental involvement, and support the students and staff efforts. In 2019-2020 school year, all face-to face school activities were discontinued due to COVID-19. However, the school held a number of activities virtually through some digital platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Facebook etc. The SIC Chair person also consistently monitored publications on the District's website to ensure that our students receive recognition for their outstanding achievements.



#### 2019-20 School Data & Test Information

The 2019-20 State Standardized Exam (End of Course Exams, WIN, ACT/SAT etc.) were not administered due to school closure as a result of COVID-19.

# 2020-2021 School Demographics

Enrollment: 673

African-American: 84.9%

Caucasian: 3.6%

Asian: 2.5%

Hispanics: 4.6%

Other: 4.3%



'The JV boys' soccer added a feather on Columbia High School's hat.... The boys brought home the runners-up trophy from the Irmo post season tournament."

- Coach Pierre' Fome'





# Above is the picture is the Columbia High School Graduating Class of 2020-2021.

The road towards graduation for this class was met with several challenges brought about by the pandemic. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments, and wish them well in their future endeavors.



#### **Our Current School Goals**

- ♦ Increase the on-time graduation rate of our students (77.1%) to 85%
- ◆Increase student attendance rate (92.2%) by 3 or more percentage points
- ♦ Increase the percentage rate of students passing and scoring proficiently on the End of Course Exam Program (EOCEP) (42.7%) by 3 or more percentage points.
- ◆Increase the percentage rate of Diploma Earners who are Career and College Ready by 3 or more percentage points.
- Increase school-based activities and events to promote school and community engagement.

# **Capital Points of Pride**



#### ACADEMICS-

- Eighteen CHS students successful earned dual credit at Midlands Technical College (MTC).
- One hundred forty-one sophomore students enrolled into Dual credit courses at MTC for the 2021-22 school year
- Three career pathways will be offered to help earn enough dual credits to graduate with one year completed towards an Associate's Degree who enrolled at MT
- Eighty-eight upcoming freshman students enrolled in Theater 1, Theater Tech and Theater Exploratory for 2021-22 school year
- Twenty-two new member of the Drama club
- ◆ Columbia High School continues efforts to implement a National Defense Magnet
- ◆ District's Honors Dance Group-Tabria Pearce and Erynh Young-Haynes

#### ATHLETICS-

- ◆ FACTS core values were established for athletes (Family, (Winning) Attitude, Commitment, (Mental) Toughness, and Sportsmanship)
- ◆ Jani Broadnax signed a scholarship with Erskine College to play football.
- ◆ Two freshmen and two sophomore athletes participated in the SC (South Carolina) High School Leagues Student Leadership Summit in January
- Wrestling Team were crowned Region IV Wrestling Champions for the third straight year.
- ◆ Five wrestlers qualified to the SC State Wrestling Championships:
- 2021 2A and State Champion at 182 lbs.; 2021 Best Western North South All Star - Elijah Mervin

# **Capital Points of Pride Continued**

- 3rd place State wrestler Fontroy Randolph
- 4th place State wrestler -Mikale Hare
- Quentin Riddik and Vancie Belton
- Elijah Mervin was awarded a Full Sail Creative Minds Scholarship in the amount of \$22,000. He intends to attend Full Sail University in the fall.

#### AFJROTC-

- Placed 3rd in the Salvation Army JROTC Battle of the Bells and helped raise \$786.72 to support local needs
- ◆ Six Cadets participated and held "virtual" Regional Archery In Schools Competition
- ◆ Archer Cadet Young shot the best score of 250/300 for females and Cadet Spann shot the best score of 214/300 for males
- Five Cadets participated in Adopt-a-Highway cleaning up trash on Piney Grove Rd.
- ◆ Two teams of four Cadets each participated in the virtual JROTC Leadership Academic Bowl (JLAB) online competition this year, and both did well.

#### STAFF-

- ◆ Mr. Edward Carfolite -CHS 2021-22 Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Ms. Jocelyn Martin CHS 2021-22 Classified Staff of the year
- ♦ Mrs. Pernatta Myadala- National Board Certified Teacher
- ◆ Ayana Mayes—Presenter at South Carolina Association of School Librarians first ever all virtual conference
- Dr. Constance Gee
   Guest Artist Teacher
   for a virtual Master Class for the viola stu dio at the Hayes School of Music at Appala chian State this past fall.