

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Vondre' T. Whaley - Principal**

Mrs. Cheryl Lawson-Wilson, Assistant Principal

Mr. Jabar Hankins, Assistant Principal

Ms. Kimberly Jeter, Assistant Principal

Mr. Tyler Meschwitz, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Yashiekia Kinloch (SIC Chair)

Ms. Ashley Melton (SIC Asst. Chair)

Wider (Community)

Aileen Webb (Staff)

Michael Swinton (Student)

Mary Feke (Student)

### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The school Improvement council of W. J. Keenan High School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mr. Vondre. T. Whaley, Principal at (803) 714-2555.

Assist in the development and evaluation of the five-year School Improvement Plan (also called the School Renewal Plan or the Strategic Plan).

Assist in the preparation of annual updates and/or revisions.

Compose the annual Report to Parents to provide information about the school's progress in meeting school/district/state goals or objectives. This report is distributed by April 30.

Assist the principal in preparing the annual narrative for the School Report Card.

Provide advice on the use of any school incentive award monies (if allocated by the legislature and awarded to the school).

## Purposes of SIC

Participate in the revision of the School Improvement Plan in cases where the school needs to enact changes.

Serve as the liaison between the school, community, and local school board by collecting and disseminating information.

Provide other assistance that the principal may request and carry out any other duties prescribed by the local school board.

The Council will not have the powers and duties reserved by law or regulation of the local school board.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The SC School Improvement Council exists to advise, train, and promote parents, teachers, students, and community members for active, knowledgeable membership in School Improvement Councils for the fulfillment of their Council's role and responsibilities.

## W. J. Keenan High School



### 2023 – 2024 School Improvement Council

#### Report to Parents

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**W. J. Keenan High School inspires students through interactive learning experiences that ultimately challenges and prepares them for life beyond high school**

## School Highlights & Awards

The Raider Academy was established to include four pathway academies and offers CTE curriculum in each of the Career Pathways.

W.J. Keenan was awarded the MSAP grant to implement Richland One's first high school Magnet School featuring four academies: Hospitality & Tourism, Engineering, Government and Entrepreneurship.

The Entrepreneurship Academy students designed, planned, and implemented, *The Keenan Café*, Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day events, as well as a superbly facilitated the *Milaysia Fulwiley Day Hospitality Room*.

In 2023-2024, we will have 42 CTE Completers to include 8 PLTW Pre-Engineering students and 8 Agriculture students.

All 42 CTE Completers have national industry certifications such as OSHA, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, and Operations Management.

In 2023-2024 WJ Keenan Science National Honor Society inducted 8 new members.

Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society inducted 9 members for the 2023-2024 school year.

The National Beta Club inducted 20 new members for the 2023-2024 school year.

The National Honor Society inducted 25 new members for the 2023-2024 school year.

In 2023-2024, WJ Keenan student Natalia Livingston was awarded WJKHS CTE Student of the Year.

In 2023-2024, W.J. Keenan had 100% Membership in the FFA Chapter.

In 2023-2024 WJKHS was awarded "The Most Outstanding JAG School" by our community partner, Students in Action & Multiplying Good South Carolina.

W.J. Keenan is the first Leader in Me High School in the state of SC.

2023-2024 Girls Basketball Team earned 2A Round 1 Playoff bid.

2023-2024 Boys Basketball Team earned 2A Upper State Playoff bid.

In 2023-2024 student Jaelah Middleton was selected for 2024 Girls Moonshot flight crew.

In 2023-2024 Students, Broderick Anderson, Cedric Scholfield, Marcus Simmons, and Brian Sumpter were awarded Region 4 2A player of the year in varsity boys basketball.

In 2023-2024, student, Brian Sumpter was awarded, Region 4, 2A Player of the Year!

In 2023-2024 Students Kristin Brown, Taelor Lee-Sutton, and Aaeronna Caughman were awarded region 4 2A All-Region squad in Varsity Girls Basketball.

In 2023-2024, student Laurin Hannibal earned 2A State Champion, Triple Jump in Track & Field.

In 2023-2024, our WJKHS Football, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer, and Track & Field participated in 2A playoffs.

In 2023-2024, our WJKHS "Rubber Band"- Marching Band was invited by U. S. Congressman James Clyburn to participate in National Memorial Parade in Washington, DC.

In 2020-2024, 10 Students athletes have signed to play on the collegiate level.

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment- 703

90% -African American

Less than 4% -Hispanic

Less than 2% -White

Less than 4% Other

## Grants

### MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY GRANT - 2022-2023**

**MSAP GRANT - 2022-2023 (FINAL YEAR)**

## Goals for Next Year

Increase EOCEP Passage Rate in English, Math, U. S. History and Biology.

Increase Graduation Rate to 85%.

Increase the number of college & career ready students by increasing ACT & WIN performance.