

## School Organization and Contact

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

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### **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, or Mr. Carlos Primus, SIC Chair at (803) 714-2555.

## Purposes of SIC

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).

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



### **2017 – 2018 SIC ANNUAL 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

W.J. Keenan hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Bands Event. Several high school bands were recognized and South Carolina State University's Marching 101 participated in this event.

W.J. Keenan participated in the FIRST Robotics competition in Myrtle Beach.

W.J. Keenan hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Raider Community Day sponsored by the PTO.

W.J. Keenan received the Trout in the Classroom grant from the SC DNR to integrate aquaponics into the Project REAL curriculum for the third year.

Project REAL students hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Robotics, Innovation & Programming Challenge with participants from elementary & middle schools throughout the district.

Project REAL students participated in Grow with Google Columbia event.

W.J. Keenan implemented its first Clean Energy class.

Project REAL RC Cars placed third at the Lower Richland Ten80 Regional Competition.

W.J. Keenan JROTC Department placed 2nd in the 2017-2018 District One Superintendent's Trophy Competition.

W.J. Keenan hosted a Distance Learning Conference with author of *Teach Like a Pirate*, Dave Burgess on student engagement.

W.J. Keenan hosted a professional learning session on student engagement with State Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Erin Fox

W.J. Keenan National Honor Society collaborated with the Red Cross and collected 57 pints of blood which qualified one senior member to win a \$250 Scholarship.

W.J. Keenan Assistant Principal was accepted into the SC Educational Policy Fellowship program.

W.J. Keenan was awarded Silver for the HealthierUS School Challenge for Nutrition Services.

W.J. Keenan Girls Basketball Team won the Class 2A Upper State Championship in 2017-2018.

Coach Reggie McClain earned 2A Girls' Coach of the Year.

W.J. Keenan FFA won a gold award in the National Chapter Award competition in 2017-2018 and ranks as top twelve chapters in the state. W.J. Keenan FFA members will receive the award in June at the SC FFA Convention.

The W.J. Keenan boys track team won the 2A Region 3 team titles. Boys 4x4 relay earned state championship and the 2A State Champion 400 meter hurdle was awarded to sophomore student, Lauren Gordon.

WJ Keenan hosted the Auntie Karen Foundation Master Class featuring legendary performer Sheila E. where the Raider Rubber Band performed and headlined the Sheila E. concert at the Koger Center.

WJ Keenan is a recipient of the MSAP grant adding four academies to develop a magnet school.

WJ Keenan High School will be the first high school in the state of South Carolina to adopt The Leader in Me program based on Covey's seven habits.

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment- 664

98 % -African American  
Less than 1 % -Hispanic  
Less than 1% -Other  
Less than 1 % -White

## Grants

### MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY : RAIDER ELITE

## Goals for Next Year

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

Increase Graduation Rate.

Increase ACT and WIN exam student performance.

Increase the amount of scholarships by \$1, 000, 000.