

## 2021-2022 SIC Members

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS:

**Blake Buchanan - Chair**

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Parent representatives:** Rebecca Agee, Josh Ard, Jessica Haight, Tiffany Ligon, Jesse Smith, and Chris Wormley.

**Community representatives:** Shayla Broadnax, Blake Buchanan, Andrew Morrison, and Sally Robinson.

**Teachers:** Rotation: April Barber-Brown, Katie Bundy, Lauren Goethe, Sumner Livingston, Janelle Mickens, Renata Pearson, Kelsey Reynolds, and Laura Timmons.

**Ex officio members:** Matthew Scandrol, Principal, Felita Green, Assistant Principal, Ortega Missouri, Assistant Administrator, Lynne Trowbridge, Curriculum Resource Teacher, Lauren Hudgens and Tara Leaphart, PTO Representatives.

### ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Satchel Ford Elementary School has prepared this annual report for parents and the community. In this report you will find an account of test scores and academic rankings along with other information about programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers. The report will also provide general information about SIC's goals and progress made to achieve improvements.

## Extra-Curricular and Community Activities

This year Braves Aftercare was able to operate fully from the beginning of the school year. We were able to bring back some of our student clubs, Fitness Bowl and Run Hard.

Community involvement included: PTO, Business Partners, Brave Arts Boosters, Freaky Friday, Virtual Career Highlights, Virtual Reading Partners, Spring Fling Dance, Junior Achievement, United Way, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, Region II Science and Engineering Fair and several volunteer clean-up days.

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex, age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



## Satchel Ford Elementary School



### 2021-2022 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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The School Improvement Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all of Satchel Ford's teachers, administrators, and staff for all of their hard work during the 2021-2022 school year and an extra special thank you as we continue through the COVID pandemic. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parents, who are a key part of Satchel Ford's success, for their support during this school year.

## Academic Information

According to the 2021 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of students who scored “Met” or “Exemplary” rates for SC READY ELA were 61.7% and SC READY Math were 63%. Fourth graders’ SCPASS Science data was 70.9%. This data should not be compared to those of other years due to testing limitations as a result of the pandemic.

The faculty decided to rekindle the focus on literacy instruction using the works of Lucy Calkins, the founding director of Columbia University’s Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. In addition, the faculty continued to examine mathematics instructional practices utilizing the math workshop model. The Leadership Team and the Administration participated in Cultural Relevance Training, presented by Dr. Gloria Boutte and Dr. Meir Muller, from the University of South Carolina, during the summer of 2021.

Since 2004 Satchel Ford has been recognized as an Art in Basic Curriculum School and continues to be awarded this designation through grant-writing efforts. Satchel Ford has received over \$335,000 over the past fifteen years through grants from the SC Arts Commission and the SC Department of Education’s Distinguished Arts Program.

As part of the arts curriculum, grades 4 and 5 participated in performances that incorporated the fine arts taught at the school including visual arts, theatre, dance, and music. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the other grade levels were unable to participate in performances this year.

## School Highlights & Awards

Highlights and Programs: Advanced Academic Program (AAP), National Elementary Honor Society (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades), Spanish, Science Lab, Literacy Lab, SmartBoards, laptops for all teachers and students K – 5, Columbia College Professional Development School, USC Clinical Experience School, Braves Aftercare, Boosterthon, and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) program featuring Visual Art, Dance, Drama, and Music.

Awards: Distinguished Arts Program Grant Award, ABC Model Schools Certificate, Region II Science and Engineering Fair Winners.

We were able to gradually bring back some of our programs this year.

Our Fitness Bowl Team took first place in the district with several students being named All District and one student was named Richland One Miss Fitness. Our fourth graders participated in the Region II Science and Engineering Fair and were winners in several categories.

The Satchel Ford PTO completed multiple successful fundraising initiatives and provided support for our school programming in numerous ways to include, but not limited to: environmental improvements, completing the disc golf course, continuing expansion of “The Farm,” completion of the Chicken Coop, and multiple teacher luncheons.

## Goals and Improvements

Due to COVID 19, Satchel Ford’s School Improvement Council was limited in its ability to support initiatives involving outside community members during the 2021 -2022 academic year. At the printing of this brochure, SIC was working to bring back the Watch DOGS (DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS) program, allowing our Dads to have better insights into the daily operations and culture of the school, as well as offering a greater male presence on campus throughout the school day.

- The SIC continued to support the PTO in the development of “The Farm,” which included completion of the Chicken Coop, and expanding the garden.
- The SIC continued to support the Braves Arts’ “Arts Celebration Month.” During lunch, special guests performed for the students. The guests included local artists, storytellers from the Richland County Library, Master Pianist, local music performers, and a special guest, Dr. Craig Witherspoon, Richland District One Superintendent, played the saxophone. An additional guest was Musfasa from the Lion King Production met with our third and fourth grade students sharing his experiences as a stage actor.
- The SIC participated in several volunteer workdays to enhance the school building and school grounds.
- The SIC began exploring ways to help our fifth graders better make the transition to the middle school, both academically and socially.
- The SIC has worked, and will continue to work, with Richland One to enhance and maintain the school facility and grounds.