

## 2017-2018 SIC Members

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**Parent representatives:** Eric Zimmerman, Hayne Hodges, Karen Johnson, Chris Render

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**Ex officio members:** Kevin Hasinger, Principal; Felita Green, Assistant Principal; Lynne Trowbridge, Curriculum Resource Teacher; Sarah Assaley, PTO President.

### 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

Community involvement includes: PTO, Business Partners, Brave Arts Boosters, Faculty Follies, Very Important Person Day, Freaky Friday, Career Fairs, Mentors, Relay for Life, United Way, Coat Drive, Harvest Hope Food Drive, March for Babies, and Junior Achievement.

As part of the school's wellness initiatives, Satchel Ford supported the Palmetto Health Group, American Cancer Society and March of Dimes, raising over \$14,000 through participation in the Walk for Life, March for Babies, and the Relay for Life.

Student clubs include: Honor Choir, The Sensations Male Glee Club, Safety Patrol, Production Crew, Yearbook Club, Orchestra, Healthy Kids (Fit) Club, Arts & Crafts Club, and Girls on the Run. Students in grades 3-5 and enrolled in Braves Aftercare had the opportunity to audition for the Steel Drum Band.

**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



### 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school year. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parent volunteers, who are a key part of Satchel Ford's success. Thanks to all, and keep up the good work!

## School Highlights & Awards

Highlights and Programs: Advanced Academic Program (AAP), National Elementary Honor Society (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades), Braves Buddies, Book Buddies, Lunch Buddies, HBO Salad Bar, GLOBALTAP, Spanish, Science Lab, Literacy Lab, SmartBoards, iPads/laptops for all teachers, iPad Cart, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> DLE devices (laptops for all children) Columbia College Professional Development School, USC Clinical Experience School, Braves Aftercare, Art Fest, Science Fair Day, Faculty Follies, Boosterthon, Field Day, and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) featuring Visual Art, Dance, Drama, and Music.

The Brave Arts Boosters completed the task of updating the photo mural that enhances the front entrance and they also sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sports Spectacular. All funds raised by Brave Arts are dedicated to supporting and strengthening the arts programs. Our teachers, led by Liz LeBlanc, put on a wonderful Sweetheart Ball, raising money for Relay for Life under the team name Paige's Posse – in honor of one of our employees that defeated cancer.

The Satchel Ford PTO completed multiple highly successful fundraising initiatives and provided support for our school's Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System, the acquisition of additional reading materials for classroom libraries, subscriptions to Study Island and Reading Eggs online software program, as well as many other educational/social initiatives.

Awards: Bronze Healthy Generation Award, Distinguished Arts Program Grant Award, ABC Model Schools Certificate

## Academic Information

According to the 2017 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of students who scored "met" or "exemplary" in PASS testing was: 62.2% in science (test was re-normed) and 86.9% in social studies. Pass rates for SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 59.4% in ELA and 61.7% in Math (tests were re-normed).

The faculty continued to focus on literacy instruction using the works of Lucy Calkins, the founding director of Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project and expanded our mathematics instructional practices through the implementation of Number Talks, grappling groups, and the use of a math workshop model.

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 \$310,000 over the past twelve years through grants from the SC Arts Commission and the SC Department of Education's Distinguished Arts Program.

As part of the arts curriculum, all grade levels participated in performances that incorporated the fine arts taught at the school including visual arts, theatre, dance, and music.

Satchel Ford maintained the goal of 100% of the teachers being designated as Highly Qualified in the appropriate content and level as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. We have 10 teachers who are National Board Certified.

## Goals and Improvements

Satchel Ford's School Improvement Plan worked on several major initiatives during the 2017-2018 academic year:

- Overseeing the anti-bullying campaign initiatives.
- This year the successful WatchDOGS program was introduced. WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) signed up to each take a day at the school. Starting at drop-off, the dads would interact with students, participate in the classrooms, assist in the lunchroom, and be present on the playground. This was a huge success and we are grateful to our many dads who participated.
- The SIC was also able to continue our relationship with several Life Scout and Eagle Scout candidates from the Boy Scouts of America, leading to the completion of another "Buddy Bench". This bench was installed to encourage the inclusion of shy or uncomfortable students in group play.
- The SIC also coordinated two Duty-Free Lunch days for our teachers to give them a quiet break in the middle of their day. Many thanks to our parents who stepped in to volunteer hours of student supervision so our teachers could have a break!

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