

## What is SIC?

School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory body to the principal and school.

SICs are focused on school improvement. SIC members participate in writing the school improvement plan by sharing their knowledge about student, family, and community needs and suggesting ideas for effective change.

SICs carry out many different kinds of activities that help schools meet their improvement goals. For example, SICs may decide to work together with their schools on:

- Using new and effective ways to get more parents involved in their school and student learning.
- Bringing in volunteers, funds, goods and services, or other needed resources from the community to the school.

Examples of specific SIC projects and activities that have been recognized by the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence can be found at [sic.sc.gov](http://sic.sc.gov).

SICs also write an annual *Report to the Parents* about their school's progress and assist the principal with the narrative for the *SC School Report Card*.

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## Lonnie B. Nelson SIC Members

Dana Austin, Chair  
Melissa Myers, Chair  
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Twanisha Garner, Principal  
Shane Bagwell, Assistant Principal  
Carol O'Connor, Assistant Principal  
Kim Krapfel, Reading Coach  
Sandra Grant, School Counselor  
Ayla Horton, School Psychologist  
Catrena Britton, Parent  
Cassidy Fogle, Parent  
Shelia McGee, Parent  
Eric White, Parent

***PTO President***  
*Kayla Fettig*

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### Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by the Lonnie B. Nelson School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."*

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## Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2019-2020



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"Building Exceptional Experiences for  
Students and Staff"

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## School Highlights

Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary also works hard to promote creativity and collaboration with our students. We operate from the belief that ALL people have skills and talents that enable each and every person at the hive to be a leader.

We also believe that a growth mindset and culturally relevant teaching will deepen the foundation of learning for our students to experience success. Our students experience Club Days that allow them to learn new skills and develop interests. We have a strong mentoring program with our community, as well as our College Showcase Day and Career Day, where our students are able to see first-hand the results of living your passion through hard work and perseverance.

We continue to pride ourselves on providing a safe, nurturing, and challenging educational environment focused on growing leaders.

### **Awards or Recognition received:**

National Magnet School of America:  
Demonstration School, AVID Showcase School, Healthy Alliance Grant 2015, 2016, 2017 SDE Service Learning Award, Project Citizen State and National (1st place winner) Sparkleberry Grant Recipient

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## School Achievement

Our school is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate* by promoting critical thinking within our curriculum and instruction, as well as focus on how it can be used in school, everyday life, and with issues important to the community.

Our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) trained teachers infuse critical thinking and organizational skills to prepare our students for success. Our school has been selected as a showcase school for AVID Elementary, our students school wide, are actively engaged in learning through WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) to promote life-long learning and leading throughout the entire school.

Our ACE (Academy for Civic Engagement) school within a school magnet program has been recognized as a Demonstration School (the highest achievement) from Magnet Schools of America. ACE focuses on civic engagement, service learning, and economics in addition to the SC State Standards. Our school-wide services and service-learning for our community makes a difference in our world.

Congratulations to our ACE for being named a Demonstration School for the National Magnet Schools Of America award!

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## Leadership, Programs and Events

### **Leadership Opportunities**

ACE Student Council  
AVID Student Leaders  
Bowtie Boys/ Pearls for Girls Mentors  
Bee Greeters, Safety Patrol  
Morning Show Camera Crew  
Chorus  
Book Buddies/Math Buddies Bee and many, many more!

### **Programs and Events**

Nelson Cares After School Program  
LBN Family Nights  
Buzz-In (Back to School Night)  
Pastries for Parents, Grits for Grandparents  
Clubs, Arts Day, Field Day, Science Day  
African-American Read-In  
Veterans Day Activities  
Project Citizen, Patriot Day, Market Day  
Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts  
Black History Program  
Career Day, Leadership Day, AVID Day  
DARE  
CEO Breakfast (Chief Example for Others)  
Partnership with PAALS, Marjoree is our very own Facility Dog  
Lonnie B's Got Talent

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