

## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

In 2014-15, the most frequently occurring discipline incident at Saluda High School was tardies - 4,169 tardies in total. In 2015-2016, that number eventually rose to 4,907. To combat this growing issue, the Saluda High School SIC came up with the idea of an incentive program for students who consistently exhibit positive behaviors both in and out of the classroom - **Tiger Pride Day**. The first Tiger Pride Day was April of the 2015-2016 school year, and the second was April of the 2016-2017 year. Our SIC set the following three goals to measure the success of Tiger Pride Day: 1) decrease the number of tardies each year, 2) decrease the number of discipline referrals each year, and 3) over time, increase the percentage of students eligible to attend Tiger Pride Day (no more than three tardies in a semester, no discipline referrals all year, and all passing grades).

We can conclude that our efforts have been successful using the following three data points. First, the number of tardies in 2016-2017 dropped significantly, from 4,907 to 2,306! That is a 53% decrease! Currently, we are continuing to see a decrease in tardies for the 2017-2018 school year. Second, the number of discipline referrals has also decreased from 925 at the end of 2016-2017 school year to 864, a 15% decrease. Finally, in 2016-2017, we saw a notable increase in the number of students meeting eligibility criteria (from 33% in 2015-16 to 42.2% 2016-17). Currently, we are on track to see another increase in 2017-2018.

**TIGER PRIDE DAY!**



**Sarah Longshore - Principal**

**Trey Shealy - Chairperson**

**Deborah Minick - Ex-Officio**

**Robert Etheredge - Ex-Officio**

**Faron Rikard - Ex-Officio**

**Kesha Crouch - Parent**

**Martha Lamus - Teacher**

**Jason Stansel - Teacher**

**Sarah Lewis - Ex Officio**

**Yolanda Moore - Appointed**

**Jacquelyn Middleton - Appointed**

**Albert Etheredge - Appointed**

**Hortencia Acevedo - Parent**

**Edgar Zamorano Morales - Student**

**Macy Crawford - Student**

**Gavin Wheeler - Student**

**Jennifer Gentry - Parent**

**Stephanie McCary - Parent**

**Crystal Canady - Parent**

**Kelly White - Appointed**

## Principal Longshore

### IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

After Mr. Trey Shealy, the Youth Minister at Saluda Baptist Church, was elected president, we began having regular conversations about our vision for the SIC. We agreed that anything worth doing is worth doing well; we wanted our SIC to experience a sense of accomplishment by having selected one particular area of concern and then identifying a specific action we could take to bring about change.

Our SIC has done just that. After reviewing school data, the SIC decided that we could do something to help with the excessive amount of tardies our students were accumulating. Otherwise, the SIC worried that if something was not done to address this problem behavior, our graduates might carry this bad habit with them to college and career. To bring awareness to the issue, while also acknowledging the appropriate behaviors that we wish to see from our students, the SIC instituted Tiger Pride Day. More than just a field day, Tiger Pride Day gives students a measurable and attainable goal to work towards throughout the school year.

I could give you anecdotal evidence that would suggest Tiger Pride Day has yielded positive results (for example, the fact that on most days, the hallways are completely clear of students an entire minute before the tardy bell even rings). But the real proof is in the data. The number of tardies in our school has been cut completely in half and discipline incidents are down by 15% (despite an increase in student enrollment). When looking at these numbers, there is no denying that the work of our SIC has had a positive impact on our school.

I am proud to work with the Saluda High School Improvement Council. Each of them brings a unique perspective and skill set to our group, but what they all have in common is enthusiasm and commitment. By establishing a common goal, mapping out a specific course of action, and then working collaboratively to enact it, we have accomplished so much. We are looking forward to continuing our work on into the 2018-2019 school year.

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is issued by the Saluda High 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.

### Athletics

#### **Spring 2017**

The boys' soccer team won the region title and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs. Sergio Sorcia was named the Region Player of the Year. Sergio and Dylan Strickland made All-State. The girls' soccer team won the region title and made it to the state playoffs, and Bailey Will was named Region Player of the Year and All-State. She also broke the school record for most goals in a season. The softball team made it to the state playoffs. The baseball team made the state playoffs. The boys' tennis team won the region championship, and Adam Black was named Region Player of the Year. The golf team made the state tournament and finished number nine in the state rankings. The boys' and girls' track and field teams had representatives in the state track meet. Ny'Kel Roland won two individual state championships.

#### **Fall 2017**

The volleyball team advanced to the state playoffs for the first time in six seasons. The girls' tennis team won the Region Championship. Coach Ben Webb was named Region Coach of the Year. Lakin Rita was named Region Player of the Year for the second year in a row. The football team won the Region Championship and made it to the Upper State Championship game. Coach Stewart Young was named Region Coach of the Year. The team had three players make All-State: Kelijih Brown, Demond Johnson, and Noah Bell. Kelijih Brown was selected as Region Player of the Year and played in the Shrine Bowl All-Star Game. Demond Johnson was selected to play in the North/South All-Star Game. Kelijih Brown was selected to play in the SC/GA Border Bowl All-Star Game. The boys' and girls' cross country teams won the Region Championship, and Moises Sorcia was the boys' individual Region Runner of the Year.

#### **Winter 2017-18**

For boys' basketball, Zach Johnson and Dallan Wright made All Region. Zach Johnson was named to the All-State team and competed in the North-South All Star game. Raquon Hartley made All Area. The girls' basketball team made the state playoffs, and Star Ergle was named Region Player of the Year, AA Co-State Player of the Year, All-State, and was selected to play in the North-South All Star Game. Star also broke the school record for most points scored in a career.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### HOSA

Edgar Zamorano of HOSA placed 1st in Healthcare Photography at the State Leadership Conference, as well as to be named the SC State HOSA Post Secondary Vice President for 2018-2019. In fall 2017-18, five students passed the Certified Nursing Assistants Certification Exam, and four passed the National Nurse Aide Assessment. Edgar Zamorano received a \$1000 scholarship, and Lakin Rita received a \$500 scholarship. Hector Ortiz received a Gold Medal in Health Care Display.

### Art

Art students Alina Sluzhyvenkova placed 1st and Karra Canady placed 2nd in the 2017-18 SC Jr. Duck Stamp State Contest. The following students received Honorable Mentions: Kalisha Hill, Amelia Sorcia, Dakota Bradham, Alex Gomez, Lily Cleveland, Madison Crouch, Carmen Doubravo, Jadizia Priest, Elizabeth Dickerson, Jazus Shepherd, and Lee Anna Fingerlin.

### Beta Club

Beta Club sponsored a sock drive for Christ Central, partnered with Student Council and FCA to adopt 5 families for Christmas, is assisting with Special Olympics, and will host the powderpuff game.

### 2018 Teacher of the Year

Heather Harmon was named the SHS Teacher of the Year and District Teacher of the Year.

### FFA

FFA placed 1st place at the State Livestock Judging Contest at the State Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event held in Clemson, SC. Team members included: Wyatt Doolittle, Ginger Wertz, Cody Clary, and Sarah Shore.

### Boys State and Girls State

SHS Girls State delegates are: Bailey Chariker, Kaylyn Herlong, and Rachel Porter. Alternates: Alex Addy, Regan Fingerlin, Kris Griffith, and Kylee Howard. Boys State delegates are: Matthew Bailey, Moises Flores, Chandler Palmer, and Matthew Perry. Alternate is Dalton Hyler.

### School Improvement Council

SHS Improvement Council was one of five finalists for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence and an Honorable Mention.

### Saluda Athletic Department

The Saluda Athletic Department and High School was awarded the Sportsmanship Award by the SCHSL. Coach Jeanette Wilder was named Region Athletic Director and Coach of the Year by the SCHSL.

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### **Mission:**

Teaching Children to be Learners  
for Life

### **Vision:**

Saluda High School will create a culture that fosters innovative, caring, responsible, and self motivated learners who will succeed in an ever-changing world.