

## School Achievements

Our students have had amazing STEAM opportunities through the Gaillard, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Stage, Palmetto City Ballet, Children’s Museum, Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics, Naval Weapons Information Center, and Arts, Etc. this year.

Communities in Schools, Reading Partners, WISE Owls and the Lowcountry Food Bank partnered with Mt. Zion this year for our second Reading Carnival.

Mt. Zion teachers have continued to participate in LETRS training this school year to further support literacy.

With the support of a Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) grant through Kiawah Cares, we have added a STEAM related arts class and purchased Project Lead the Way Materials for CD-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

We have continued our mentoring program, serving 19 students in grades 3-5.

Mt. Zion received generous grants from Ground Swell Capital, Kiawah Seabrook Exchange, Water Wise, the PPG Foundation, Johns Island Council and Rev. Frazier to support multiple initiatives at our school, including teacher morale, our community garden, various instructional initiatives, our mentor program, and swimming lessons for our students.

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## Mt. Zion SIC Members

Chair: Mrs. Michelle Faust, Parent

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Mrs. Rachel Parker

Parent Members: Mr. Brett Vigrass, Mr.  
Taylor Morris, Mrs. Joanna Buffington

Ex Officio: Mrs. Colette Roper

Community Member:  
Mrs. Valerie Luzadder

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### Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Mt. Zion 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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## Mt. Zion Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council (SIC) “Report to the Parents” April 2024



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*The mission of Mt. Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high-quality education through a curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.*

## SIC Annual Goals

### *Goal 1: Improve Home-School Relationships*

- SIC is working to increase parental and community involvement in SIC as well as school events, specifically STEAM Night, Career Day, and the Reading Carnival.
- Advocated for an increased bilingual secretary allocation to improve the routine availability of Spanish translation for our non-English speaking families.
- SIC will be incorporating volunteer guests within the monthly meetings to further education and outreach goals
- SIC will conduct a survey to get feedback on future clubs and preferred days and time for new school.

### *Goal 2: Advocate for the new school as well as the future use of the current campus*

- SIC will advocate for the current Mt. Zion community to have a strong voice in the programming and vision of the new elementary school.
- SIC will collaborate with others in the community to honor the history of the current Mt. Zion campus and advocate for its future use as a possible early childhood and community center.
- SIC will engage with other SICs in D9 and determine possible collaboration efforts.

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## Student Achievement

The 2022-23 SC Ready results for Reading, and Math showed growth over the 2021-22 school year. Our school received an overall rating of “GOOD” on our SC Report Card for 2022-23.

Our school’s average percentile on SC Ready ELA (Reading) grew from the 36<sup>th</sup> percentile in May 2022 to the 46.3<sup>rd</sup> percentile in May 2023.

Our school’s average percentile on SC Ready Mathematics grew from the 41.9<sup>th</sup> percentile in May 2022 to the 50.5<sup>th</sup> percentile in May 2023.

We are very proud of our students’ growth in both Reading and Math and are excited to see this upward trajectory continue in the future.

We will receive official achievement and improvement ratings for the 2023-24 school year after May 2024 state testing is completed. For more information, you may view Mt. Zion’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.screportcards.com](http://www.screportcards.com)

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## Additional Information

We welcome parents and community members to get involved with Mt. Zion by joining our PTO or by attending our monthly SIC meetings.

For more information about attending our monthly SIC meetings, please contact Ms. Anna Mims, MZE Principal, at [anna\\_mims@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:anna_mims@charleston.k12.sc.us). These are held monthly on the second Wednesday and are held in-person in the MZE Library.

For more information about joining the Mt. Zion Elementary PTO, please reach out to [mtzionelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionelementarypto@gmail.com)

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