2024-2025 SIC Members

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Ms. Saqueena Shand – Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Parent representatives: Ms. Domynica Mckie

Community representatives:Mr. Jesse Black and Mrs. Brandolyn Pinkston

Teachers: Ms. Kristen Anderson and Ms. Shanika McKinley

Ex officio members: Dr. Monica Adams, Principal, Dr. Cicely Maxwell, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Devin Slusser, Assistant Principal

ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Carver-Lyon Elementary School has prepared this annual school report for parents and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvements this year along with other information about programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers. The report will also provide general information about the SIC's goals and progress made to achieve improvements. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact our principal, Dr. Monica Adams or, our SIC Chair Ms. Saqueena Shand at (803) 343-2900.

Extra-Curricular and Community Activities

Community involvement includes: Real Men Read, Boys and Girls Empowerment Summit, Career Fair, Foster Grandparents, Read, Read, Read, University of South Carolina CAP Program, March of Dimes, Open House, Health Fair with Columbia Links and Columbia College, Schoolwide Parades: Chinese New Year, Black History Month, and Mardi Gras,

As part of the school's wellness initiatives: Carver-Lyon supported March of Dimes, Columbia College Wellness in Action Festival and also designs their school field day around healthful activities.

Student Clubs and activities include: Writing Club Reading Club, Cheerleading Club, Drama Club, Music Club, STEM Club, Dance Club, Math Club, Computer Club, Spanish Club, French Club, Mandarin Club, Student Advocacy Day, Community Service Club

Special programs include: Richland One Language Immersion including Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese instruction, Full-Day Child Development Classes, Spanish and Mandarin for PreK-5th grade students, CRP-After School Tutoring Program, DARE, and a dedicated Parent and Family Engagement Specialist.

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

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Carver-Lyon Elementary School

Home of the Richland One Language Immersion Program



2024 – 2025 Report to Parents

Our school is proudly located in the historic Waverly Area of Columbia, SC.

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The School Improvement Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all of Carver-Lyon`s teachers, administrators, and staff for all of their hard work and dedication during the 2018-2019 school year. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parents, who are a key part of Carver-Lyon`s success.

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School Highlights

Highlights and Programs: Spanish and Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Program (Pre-K – 5th Grades), French Language Immersion Program (1st – 2nd Grades), Clubs, YMCA Aftercare, School-Wide Language Immersion Field Trip, Field Day, Awards Ceremonies, Student Council, SOAR Summer Program.

Technological Advancements: One-to-One Digital Learning Environment, all classrooms have SMARTBoards,

Teacher Highlights: Two National Board Certified Teachers, Degrees range from BAs to PhDs, 96% of Teachers Highly Qualified, 55 % of teachers have advanced degrees, over 20 countries represented in the Language Immersion Program. Ms. Zhaci Jones, our 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year has been nominated for our 2025-2026 District Teacher of the Year.

Language Immersion Program

To prepare our language immersion students to be leaders and global citizens, they will be immersed in a foreign language using a biliteracy model. Students will learn to read, write, speak and understand in both English and a second language by spending 50% of their instructional day immersed in a foreign language. (We currently offer a choice of French, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish.) A balanced literacy approach will be taught through developmentally appropriate content driven thematic units in both English and a foreign language. Connections between language and everyday lives will guide students to see themselves as not only bilingual communicators, but also as leaders and global citizens.

Academic Information

According to the 2024 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of 3rd – 5th grade students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 48.4% in ELA and 35.3% in Math. Our SC School Report Card Overall Rating of Good shows our Student Progress School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate . *For more information, you may view Carver-Lyon`s "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at* https://screportcards.com/

STAR Reading and STAR Math is a Universal Screener that is given to students throughout the year. Students are additionally assessed in reading with Fountas & Pinnell, Lexia Core 5, LLI, and Reading A-Z are used for Interventions.

Goals and Improvements

At Carver-Lyon, we strive to be a school where caring and knowledgeable adults teach children to love learning, and to become honorable and responsible citizens and leaders of both the local and global communities. As such, the SIC has adopted the following vision and mission going forward: *At Carver-Lyon, our SIC seeks to nurture and educate the whole child by supporting their mental, social, physical, academic, and esteem health within an equitable environment.*

During the 2024-2025 Carver-Lyon's School Improvement Plan provided a parent information session on SC READY Testing and has provided information regarding the safe usage is technology. We plan to continue to provide opportunities:

- To boost parent and community engagement.
- To foster more positive Parent-Teacher-Administration relations.
- To increase SC Ready Reading and Math scores by 10%.
- This year the SIC was able to engage parents with SC READY Parent Information Session.
- Provide parents with information regarding safe usage of technology.

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