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## North Charleston High School SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PARENTS



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### IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT

North Charleston High School (NCHS) continues to strengthen both the academic and cultural environment for every student. Through reduced class sizes and targeted instructional support, students are provided with meaningful opportunities to recover courses and stay on track for graduation. Our structured learning PODs offer a supportive environment where students benefit from co-teaching models and a specialized, student-centered curriculum designed to meet diverse learning needs.

Our school remains committed to supporting multilingual learners (MLL) by providing a customized POD learning environment. This model ensures that students can develop foundational English language skills while actively engaging in core content instruction. The success of this program continues to be reflected in strong family engagement and sustained enrollment growth among MLL students.

North Charleston High School has maintained its status as a non-Priority School for the 2025–2026 school year and no longer requires state oversight. Continued improvements in End-of-Course (EOC) test scores, College and Career Readiness indicators, graduation rates, and overall attendance highlight our commitment to student achievement and school-wide progress.

We are grateful for the dedication of our administration, faculty, and staff, whose ongoing efforts ensure that all scholars are supported in reaching their highest potential. As we move forward, we remain focused on continuous growth, high-quality instruction, and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for every student we serve.

Henry Darby  
Principal



## **PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS**

### **COUGAR ACADEMICS**

At North Charleston High School, instruction is centered around the three R's—rigor, relevance, and relationships. To support teachers with the implementation of the three R's, the NCHS Instructional Team has developed a system of support for our educators. Educators engage in personalized professional development, professional learning communities, coaching cycles, and data conversations to build collective efficacy. NCHS educators are using these supports to embed student-centered strategies such as personalized student trackers, small group instruction, and authentic assessments. These best practices help our students to own their own learning and become life-long learners.

### **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Ms. Nates works with selected students by which the school Psychologists listens to concerns about academic, emotional or social problems. Help students process their problems and plan goals and action.

### **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

Ms. Smalls supports student well-being by addressing emotional, mental, and physical barriers to academic success. Key duties include providing individual/group counseling, conducting home visits, implementing PBIS and MTSS, and acting as a bridge between home, school, and community resources to improve attendance and reduce truancy.

### **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR**

Provides various in school serviced such as conducting mental health assessments, developing individualized treatment plans, leading individual or group therapy sessions, running preventative mental wellness classes or workshops and making treatment referrals.



## **PARENT ADVOCATES**

Provides continuous support to our families through telephone calls, workshops and home visits. Provides specific outreach to parents in various forms to include workshops/trainings, one-on-one support, resource connections, etc. Participates in the development and management of the Title I, Priority Improvement budgetary plans and other special revenue allocated for North Charleston High School. Assist with graduation rate improvement through tracking, re-engaging students in diploma granting programs, assisting with truancy and numerous other tasks that aid in the students' academic success.

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

The family and community center provides support services for students, parents, guardians, and our feeder schools. It offers engaging wrap-around services via support from our surrounding community, which consists of business partners, non-profits, and for profit organizations. Our goal is to work cohesively with school staff, parents and the community to develop and maintain positive home-school relationships.

### **FOOD PANTRY AND LAUNDROMAT**

North Charleston High School currently provides a free laundromat and food pantry that is available to our families. This service offering was made possible by full sponsorship from Moving With The Military in the 2021. Laundry services will be provided to the parents by appointment during normal business hours and on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Students have access to laundry service at anytime throughout the school day with the assistant of a parenting staff member. Food pantry services are provided on an as needed basis for our students and families, to include home delivery service when available.

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### **PARK CIRCLE CARES**

Park Circle Cares provides a monthly community food distribution in collaboration with the North Charleston High School and the Parenting Team to assist in minimizing hunger. This collaboration provides over 500lbs of food monthly to families not only at NCHS but throughout the low country.

### **SCHOOLWIDE COLLABORATION PARENTING EVENTS**

- International Day of Peace Celebration
- Fall Fest
- NJROTC Inspection and Awards Ceremony
- Eating with the E.O.C
- Painting with the Cougars
- Black History Month Family Game Night
- Grade Level Quarterly Class Meetings
- A Night of the Arts
- Fun and Fit Family Night



### **COUGAR ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Ka'Maurie Meggett | All Region  
Brian Washington Jr. | All Region

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Makaila Lee | All Region  
Zahra Lee | All Region

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### **VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

Lorenzo Kitching | All State

### **VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Corrie Reinhardt | All State

### **FOOTBALL**

Lorenzo Kitching | All Region  
Anthony Simmons | All Region  
Timothy Haymond | All Region  
Isaiah Dunbar | All Region

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Makaila Lee | All Region  
Zahra Lee | All Region  
Markayla German | All Region

### **WRESTLING**

DaVonna | State Qualifier  
Cedrick Burkes | State Qualifier





STEM is more than just the acronym, a curriculum or the stuff that is normally associated with the activities. Students use principles from the associated disciplines from the STEM acronym to problem solve. This allows students to use all of the disciplines that they normally learn in isolation to be applied in a variety of combinations. For example some problems will require the application of principles from the Science and Engineering discipline but nothing from Technology and Mathematics. A byproduct of using a STEM approach to educational instruction, (a derivative of project based learning) also builds a core set of competencies that I believe are the essential transferable skills (soft skills) that students need to be successful. They are able to collaborate through a development process with a team of students which requires them to analyze a problem, decide what is needed to solve that problem, develop a solution, evaluate that solution and present it to groups or individuals. Additionally it allows students to solve real problems for real people that can be collected into a portfolio of work that prove that they can do what they say they can do. It is in these authentic experiences that students will find their passion and become the valued asset to the citizenry that every human being inherently strives to be.

North Charleston High School is excited to have a full-time STEM support team on campus to expose our students and the community to various STEM career opportunities.

Lynn Clegg, STEM Coordinator—North Charleston  
Cheryl Walden, STEM Community Engagement Specialist  
Antoinette Green, STEM Career Specialist



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Carolina initiated School Improvement Councils through legislation as a means of restoring the influential voice of parents and community members in public education.

The Council has focused on coordinating a time and a place where students and parents could come to the school and learn more about applying for college and receive assistance in completing applications.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

### Students

Isaiah Dunbar  
Tylashia King

### Parents

St. Claire Jenkins  
Chinequa Seabrook

### Teachers

Latter Rosendary  
Bryanna Smalls

### Ex-Officio Members

Principal Henry Darby  
Elizabeth Bowens

### Community Members

Antoinette Green  
Cheryl Walden  
Kimberly Wise

## ABOUT THE REPORT TO PARENTS

This report is issued by the North Charleston 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.



