



James F. Byrnes High School

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Annual School Improvement Council **Report to the Parents**

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Mission Statement

The mission of James F. Byrnes High School is to provide every student quality educational experience in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

Vision Statement

James F. Byrnes High School will pursue exemplary educational opportunities and academic excellence in order to improve the quality of life for our students and community.

Beliefs

We believe that ...

- Children are our most valuable resource.
- Public education is a pillar of our society.
- Integrity is taught by example.
- Excellence is achievable.
- Mutual respect is beneficial.
- Knowledge empowers.
- Diversity strengthens.
- Family is the foundation of society.
- Children need supportive adult role models.
- Attitude makes a difference.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Personal responsibility serves the common good.
- Stewardship of resources maintains trust.

Over the course of the school year our **School Improvement Council** reviewed the following topics:

- Through the efforts of Mrs. Rhonda Dodson and our school's Interact Club we were able to open our school clothing closet. The store sells gently worn clothing items at a cost of \$5 or less to benefit our students in need. We grant vouchers for those students who cannot afford to purchase these items. Our SIC was treated to a tour of the store, which subsequently awarded the Wanda Fowler Community Impact Award presented by the Middle Tyger Community Center.
- Our SIC was treated to a presentation from our F.I.G.H.T. Club, which focuses on creating healthy living habits that our students can adhere to for the rest of their lives. Our F.I.G.H.T Club is a nationally recognized health and fitness program that is led by Ms. Debbie Holcombe who is a long time teacher and coach. This club participates in various events such as the Life Point 5K race in Charleston, SC. We heard several student testimonials about the impact that F.I.G.H.T. has made on their lives. They made mention of the new friends that they have made, the weight loss benefits, and the increased self-esteem that they have achieved as a result if F.I.G.H.T.
- We celebrated the accomplishments of students as we were briefed by Mrs. Claudia Batichon about the increased academic performance of our student athletes. Mrs. Batichon has an extensive background as a compliance officer for college athletics. She is using that experience to assist our student athletes select courses that will positively impact their core GPA. Currently our varsity football team has a team GPA of 3.475.
- According to state mandate juniors at Byrnes High School took the ACT, SAT and WIN assessments. The ACT and SAT are national college admissions examination that consists of subject areas in English, Mathematics, Reading and Scientific Reasoning. The state requires that all students take these assessments during their third year of high school free of charge. These assessments can also be used for college admission, as well as being used as an accountability measure for school districts. WIN is a career skills assessment, which tests students in the areas of Reading, Math, and Locating Information. Results from WIN reveal the employability of the taker and may be used when individuals apply for jobs.