



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:

- We reviewed and revised our committee's by-laws. The changes include electing four student members instead of three, adding the school Teacher of the Year as an ex-facto member, and allowing the principal the authority to appoint members. These changes have proven to have made a very positive impact on our school.
- Our SIC was treated to a presentation for Officer Jackie Mathis, School Resource Officer, on the impact of students JUULing. We learned that these devices come in a variety of shapes and sizes, as well as the fact that the cartridges come in a variety flavors that appeal to teenagers. We were informed about pending legislation intended to address the sell and distribution of these items.
- We were treated to a presentation from our HOSA club of their championship winning plan to improve the quality of life for patients in hospice care. Their plan is to match patients with a buddy who can spend time with the patients during their declining days. This will provide the patients with a friend and gives the buddy a meaningful opportunity to assist a person in need.
- Our committee took part in providing input in the hiring of our new superintendent. Our school board contracted the search firm Coleman and Lew to lead the search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Scott Turner after he retires. As part of the process the firm met with the SIC groups from each school in the district to receive input on the qualities that we feel are important for the new leader of our district. This process has proven to secure four highly qualified finalist for the job and I am grateful that we were able to participate in the process.