

## **Principal's Report February 24, 2020**

### **Charter Goals**

**Goal #1** Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career ready as defined by the state.

**Goal #2** Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community building activities, family engagement, and student support.

**Goal #3** Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

### **Academics/School Update of Events**

**Black History Month-** Thank you to Ms. Johnson and her team for planning all these events. Please see the calendar on the last page.

### **ACT/SAT**

The ACT is being given to third-year students Tuesday, February 25. The SAT is being given to third-year students on Wednesday, March 4.

### **Dinner and Discussion Event Thursday, February 27, 2020**

Clearing the air about Vaping- Pizza at 5:30 pm. Presentation and Discussions in JICHS Cafeteria at 6:00 pm. The event is for parents and adult community members. No students, please. Get your questions answered and hear from experts such as:

- **Dr. Matthew Carpenter, MUSC, Addiction Services Division**
- **Tobacco Prevention Specialist at The Charleston Center**

### **All Abilities Week March 30-April 3**

There will be events planned throughout the week. On Friday, April 3, there will be a charity basketball game with the students from the Unified PE class. This was a huge success last year.

### **Class Choice**

This is a new platform that allows students to register for their classes for next year. Teachers are still encouraged to do teacher recommendations. Students are able to see all classes that are qualified to take, even if they have not been recommended. This feature removes unnecessary barriers for students, which supports all of our charter goals (access and equity). We have held grade-level assemblies and counselors have visited advisories to help the students with the process.

## **JICHS Charter Goal Action Plans**

The Leadership did a midyear review of the charter goal action plans. Please see the action plans for more details.

## **Human Resources**

New Football Coach- James Jamar McKoy (see press release).

## **CCSD Teacher Recruitment Fair 2/20/2020**

We sent a team to the teacher recruitment fair. We met many excellent candidates. This helps us kick off the HR season. Our current openings are listed below.

0.5 Band Director (hopefully share with CRMS)- based on student demand

1.0 Spanish Teacher- based on student demand

1.0 CTE Family Consumer Science and Culinary Arts- based on student demand

1.0 SPED Teacher- retirement

1.0 Guidance Counselor- resignation

## **Student Recruitment**

**School Choice Fairs-** We sent teams to St. Johns High and CE Williams. Neither site was well attended.

## **New Student Information Night**

The event was very well attended. All departments, clubs, and teams were represented. Dinner was provided for staff. The staff that attended earned comp time.

## **School Choice Application (2-21-2020)**

Total Applications	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4-5th Choice
268	155	73	33	7

The School Choice online application submission deadline is February 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Paper applications must be received at one of the designated receiving schools or the CCSD District reception desk on February 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

The timeline below provides the dates, deadlines, and events related to the application process for the 2020-2021 school year.

~~**January 28, 2020** – Online and paper application window opens at 12 p.m. (NOON)~~

~~**February 1, 2020** – Choice Fair: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 4 locations:~~

~~1. C.E. Williams Middle School, 640 Butte Street, Charleston SC~~

~~2. Laing Middle School, 2705 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant SC~~

~~3. Military Magnet Academy, 2950 Garner Avenue, North Charleston SC~~

~~4. St. John's High School, 1518 Main Road, Johns Island SC~~

- **February 28, 2020** - Online and paper application window closes (4 p.m. for paper application drop-offs; 6:00 p.m. for online application submissions)
- **April 3, 2020** - Families notified of acceptance
- **April 23, 2020** - Offered seat must be accepted or declined

### Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
Projected Enrollment 2020-21	265	376	397	372	1410 1410 + 144 = 1554
2/24/2020	376	397	372	349	1494
1/27/2020	390	398	372	350	1510
12/16/19	390	395	382	345	1512
11/18/19	389	395	383	344	1511
10/21/19	392	396	382	345	1515
9/23/19	392	398	385	348	1523
8/26/19	393	402	393	351	1539
6/10/19	401	397	366	332	1496
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555

8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

### **Technology Update**

The IT team continues to support classroom teachers with diverse technology applications. We are currently exploring assistive technologies that will increase the ability of students with disabilities to perform in the classroom. We are also exploring and analyzing student research database options so that teachers have the tools they need to prepare JICHS students for university and career development opportunities

Finally, we are evaluating options available to address our aging fleet of desktop computers now that we are in the post-Windows 7 era.

### **School Safety Update**

- Metal detectors conducted twice weekly.
- Held a PD session for JICHS faculty with assistance from CPD.
- Working with CPD to plan a reunification drill for the end of the semester.
- Received three quotes for vape detectors.
- Met with a technician from Tyco about making our cameras more efficient.

### **Construction Update**

#### **CTE Wing and Competition Gym**

##### **Initial Plan**

CTE and Comp Gym is a part of the Phase IV capital improvement plan (bond referendum). The budget for the project is \$22 million. Note: The Bus Lot Project issue increased the cost of stormwater drainage and retention for this project (negative impact on the cost and square footage of project).

- 25,000 sq ft CTE wing plus culinary sq ft- 11 classroom spaces, faculty suite (includes culinary)
- 30,000 sq ft Competition Gym- weight room, sports medicine classroom
- JICHS BoD voted to fund a Culinary Program (\$1.3 million, Board approved \$1.5 million)
- Relocate Trailer to band practice field- TWD, We Care, Industrial Tech, 3-4 additional classroom trailers

### **January-February Update**

CCSD informed us that the project is \$3 million over budget. We met with CCSD and Cumming to brainstorm ways to reduce the budget. Their initial plan to reduce the budget was to downsize the

square footage of the CTE wing and the Gym. That version eliminated 5 classrooms and the weight room. We would be losing approximately 1/3 of the CTE wing, the Sports Medicine classroom, and the weight room.

Over a couple of meetings, we brainstormed ways to reduce the budget. We learned that it costs \$100-\$300 K to relocate each trailer. This is the cost CCSD is incurring as part of the CE Williams project. The cost to recreate the Applied Technology program was not feasible (in excess of \$400 K). We had planned to relocate several trailers onto the band practice field. We came to the easy conclusion that we cannot sacrifice temporary classroom space for permanent classroom square footage/programs. We need to relocate two trailers (TMD and We Care), however, the rest we can do without.

I suggested our board might be willing to fund more of the project in order to keep most of the original plan the same. CCSD is going to ask the Board of Trustees for additional funding. They asked if our board would be willing to fund approximately an additional \$700 K towards the project. Between the cost reductions of the trailers, the reworking of the S/D, and additional funding from CCSD, we should be able to keep version 1 of the Gym plan and get version 3 of the CTE plan.

**Update as 2-20-2020-** Mr. McNeil feels that with the recent cost reductions that JICHHS will not need to contribute more than the already approved \$1.5 millions.

### **James Island Bus Lot**

CCSD has filed an appeal for the JI Bus Lot (ADC 19186: JICHHS BZA-A Appeal Meeting). I will be attending the appeal. I have not received any details on how the appeal process works other than that attorneys are not involved.

### **Ways to Support**

- Start a petition signed by residents of District 3
- Encourage a supportive group to attend the appeal.

### **JICHHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

**2019-20 Board of Directors-** 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/26, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, **6/22 (move 6/15)**

**2019-20 Finance Committee- 4:00 pm** on the second Monday of the month.

8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, **4/14 (Tuesday)**, 5/11, 6/8

### **Calendar of Events**

2/25 ACT Testing 2/27 CCSD Meeting 3/3 Orchestra Pre-Performance Assessment 7 pm 3/4 SAT Testing	<b>6/6/20 JICHHS 2020 Graduation Ceremony North Charleston Coliseum at 11:00 am</b>
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3/10 JICHS and CRMS Pre-Performance Assessment Concert 7 pm 3/12 CCSD Meeting	
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**Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)**

**Meeting Notes**

Topic	Notes	Vote
Student Appeal		
Personnel Issue		
June Board Meeting Date		
Construction funding		

**James Island Charter High School 2020 Calendar for Black History Month**

THEME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LAW AND CIVICS	3.	4. <b>Voter Registration</b> UBASA and FBLA (During Lunch) <b>in Cafeteria and Courtyard</b>	5.	6. <b>PBS Documentary</b> Ken Burns' <i>The Central Park Five</i> Rated PG-13 (1st Block)	7.
EDUCATION 2	10.	11. <b>Movie:</b> <i>The Best of Enemies</i> Rated PG-13 (1st Block)	12.	13.	14. NO SCHOOL
PUBLIC SPEAKING	17. NO SCHOOL	18. <b>Speaker</b> Tessa Spencer (2nd Block) Invitation only due to limited space <b>media center</b>	19. <b>Movie:</b> Ruby Bridges Rated PG (1st Block)	20. <b>Speaker</b> Project Lit and UBASA HBCU Student Exhibit (2nd Block) in the <b>media center</b> RSVP with the Media Center	21. <b>Movie:</b> <i>The Great Debaters</i> Rated PG-13 (Moved to 2nd Block)
CAREERS	24. <b>PBS Documentary</b> Henry Louis Gates' <i>Reconstruction</i> (3rd Block)	25. <b>Speaker</b> <i>Dr. Sharvette Slaughter Pediatrician</i> (2nd Block)	26. <b>Movie:</b> <i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i> Rated PG-13 (4th Block)	27.	28. <b>PBS Documentary</b> <i>BOSS The Black Experience in Business</i>

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