MRMS's School Improvement Council is an action committee consisting of parents, community leaders, and teachers striving to improve our school.

**Members**

**Chairperson**  
Patrick Tyndall, Parent

**Elected**  
John Walker, Vice-Chairperson  
Maria Mayer, Secretary

**Appointed**  
Phillip Blackwell, Parent  
Tim Ford, Community  
Emily Gordge, Community  
Malcom Gordge, Community  
Stacey Wilson, Parent

**Ex-officio**  
Sean Bishton Principal  
Kim Oxendine, Asst. Principal

**Parent Teacher Organization**  
Johnette Watson, PTO President

**Administrative Team**  
Sean Bishton, Principal  
Lakisha Cook, Assistant Principal  
LaTonya Freeman, Assistant Principal  
Kim Oxendine, Assistant Principal  
Alison Whisenant, Curriculum Specialist  
Emily Eberlin, Lead Teacher for L@M

**Mission Statement**

Muller Road provides authentic learning in a supportive environment to prepare students for success.

**Academic Programs**

**21st Century Skills**

Two major components of the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate are the development of World Class Skills and of Life and Career Characteristics. Muller Road Middle School aims to enhance these by providing all students with authentic and collaborative learning experiences with a focus on embedding 21st Century Skills like collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, communication, and organization. We have utilized technology to support and enhance these experiences in order to make learning more relevant and meaningful to our students.

**Studio 1031**

Every morning, a group of students works hard to produce The Mustang Watch, a daily news show, and maintain a webpage. The news show and webpage provide students with a collection of current and upcoming events along with weather and sports updates. This class provides students with a unique and hands-on opportunity to explore careers in broadcast journalism.

**AVID**

A national program, AVID identifies students who have high potential but have been performing at average levels. AVID presents them with the tools to move successfully to high level courses and prepares them for a four-year college. AVID is implemented at Muller Road as an elective class. We are also implementing AVID schoolwide through our focus on 21st Century skills.

**Leadership Academy @ Muller Road**

The Leadership Academy is an honors magnet program providing a rigorous curriculum based on E.D. Hirsch's Core Knowledge with an emphasis on school, community, and global leadership skills. This year, the Leadership Academy will promote its first group of 8th grade students. Of the 85 8th grade students moving to 9th grade, 18 of them were Junior Scholars.

**Vision Statement**

Muller Road Middle School is committed to developing responsible leaders through authentic learning experiences in a positive and supportive environment.
Honors and Awards

- Selected as an AVID Site of Distinction
- Awarded the National Beta School of Merit honor for the 2017-2018 school year
- The MRMS faculty met the district goal of increasing United Way donations by at least 10%
- The MRMS 8th grade Advanced band earned an Excellent rating at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment.
- 13 students were selected and performed with the 2017-2018 RSD2 Honor Band.
- 3 students were selected and performed with the 2018 SCBDA Region Band
- Two students were members of district high school marching bands.
- Jazz Band performed at the Autism Awareness Walk in April
- The MRMS 7th grade Orchestra received an Excellent rating at the SC Music Teachers Association Concert Performance Assessment
- The MRMS 8th grade Orchestra received a Superior at the SC Music Teachers Association Concert Performance Assessment
- 31 orchestra students participated in the SCEMA Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Nine 8th grade students participated in the Richland 2 8th grade District Honors Orchestra
- Chorus performed the National Anthem at the May 12 Columbia Fireflies baseball game.
- 6 students were accepted into the 2018 Tri-District Arts Consortium.
- 3 students were accepted to the AVID Early College program housed at Ridge View High School.
- MRMS students saw an increase in MAP testing scores:
  - Math: 48.4% met or exceeded goal
  - ELA: 50.6% met or exceeded goal
- 10 National Board Certified Teachers
- 21 Junior Scholars
- 74 Beta Club Members

Community Outreach

**Student Charity**
Our students continue to make a positive impact in many areas of the community. From the giving of their time and talents in organizing, collecting, and distributing Pennies for Patients to School-Based Food, Clothing, and Cleaning Products Drive to help support student and families impacted by the October flooding.

**Harvest Hope Food Bank**
Students collected 3,769 canned goods and non-perishables food items during our winter holiday food drive competition to assist community members in need.

**Back Pack Program**
This program provides a weekend’s worth of food in a backpack for homeless students.

School Statistics

- Enrollment 812 Grades 6 - 8
- 52% African American
- 36% White  5% Hispanic
- >1% Asian  6% Other
- Free/Reduced Meals: 44%

PASS Data

The Muller Road School Improvement Council is set up to support and make progress towards fulfilling the school vision. It does so by nominating and electing willing and knowledgeable citizens and educators that bring to the table a broad and in depth knowledge of the business and academic environment. This helps provide insights for the development of curriculum and strategies to prepare all students for further education in its many forms and ultimately employment in an activity that is both rewarding and satisfying to the student.

**Increase Parental Involvement:** The SIC views parental involvement as one of the most influential aspect of our children’s education and progress into the adult world. Input from the PTO and from participants parents night events provide invaluable insights into the effectiveness of educational programs.

**Student Achievement:** Common benchmark assessments continue to be the most practical way to assess student mastery of content. The SIC reviews this data regularly and encourages faculty to recognize student engagement and achievement.

**Social Service programs:** Connecting the school with the community at large is an important goal for the SIC. This will have the effect of enhancing the awareness of students for employment opportunities and municipal operations, etc., and the appreciation by the community for the new and energetic contributors in the making.