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Ebinport Elementary SIC named winner of 2016 Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Ebinport Elementary School in Rock Hill Schools/York District 3 has been named the recipient of the 2016 Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence.

The award was presented Saturday afternoon during the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) Annual Meeting at EdVenture Children’s Museum in Columbia.

The annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence was created in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions made to public education by the nearly 15,000 School Improvement Council members who volunteer in every public school in the state. The award is named in honor of the former SC Governor and US Education Secretary and his late wife, and recognizes the couple’s longstanding commitment to quality public education.

“The Ebinport Elementary SIC has done some outstanding work in the area of literacy that is well-deserving of this statewide recognition,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Michael Guarino. “When parents, educators, students, and community members come together as a School Improvement Council, identify the needs of their school, and take meaningful steps to meet them, it has a lasting and impact for on schools, their students, and their families.”

Presented with Honorable Mentions for their work last school year were: H.E. McCracken Middle School SIC (Beaufort County School District); Jennie Moore Elementary School for the Creative Arts SIC (Charleston County School District); Laing Middle School for Science and Technology SIC (Charleston County School District); and South Florence High School SIC (Florence Public School District One.)

Brief descriptions of the work of this year’s Riley Award winner and Honorable Mention SICs are included with this release.

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