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Five School Improvement Councils named 2018 finalists for annual state Riley Award for SIC Excellence

COLUMBIA – Five South Carolina School Improvement Councils (SICs) have been named statewide 2018 award finalists for their accomplishments in parent and civic engagement within their school communities.

The SC School Improvement Council's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence was created in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions made to public education by the nearly 14,000 local SIC members who volunteer in the state's 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

In alphabetical order, this year's Riley Award finalists are:

- Chapin Intermediate SIC (School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- Hilton Head Island High SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Saluda High SIC (Saluda County Schools)
- South Florence High SIC (Florence County School District 1)
- Walhalla High SIC (School District of Oconee County)

"We commend these School Improvement Councils on the wonderful things they have done for their schools and students," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Amelia B. McKie. "Working together through their SICs, parents, educators, students, and community members make a lasting and meaningful impact for the schools and young people they serve."

The winner of the this year's Riley Award will be selected from this year's finalists by an independent panel of reviewers and announced during the 2018 SC-SIC Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 14, at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia.

The SC-SIC Riley Award for SIC Excellence is named in honor of former SC Governor and US Education Secretary Richard Riley and his late wife, Tunky, and recognizes the couple's longstanding commitment to quality public education.

Part of the Center for Education Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) was established in state law 40 years ago to provide the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs in each of the state's K-12 public schools. Additional information on SC-SIC's programmatic efforts can be found online at <http://sic.sc.gov>.

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