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

COLUMBIA – Five South Carolina School Improvement Councils (SICs) have been named statewide 2014 award finalists for their accomplishments in parent and civic engagement.

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 15,000 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:

Buena Vista Elementary SIC (Greenville County Schools)
Irmo High SIC (District 5 of Lexington & Richland Counties)
Okatie Elementary SIC (Beaufort County School District)
Port Royal Elementary SIC (Beaufort County School District)
Ridge View High SIC (Richland School District 2)

“These SICs are to be congratulated for their outstanding work on behalf of the schools and students they serve,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Ellen M. Still. “The efforts of the parents, educators, students, and community members serving on these Councils help demonstrate the vital roles that SICs play in sharing ideas, developing strategies, and identifying resources to support our schools and our state’s children.”

The winner of the 2014 Riley Award will be selected from this year’s finalists and announced at the SC-SIC Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 22, 2014, in Columbia.

The SC-SIC Riley Award is named in honor of former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and his late wife, Tunky, and recognizes the couple’s longstanding commitment to quality public education.

Located in the University of South Carolina’s College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council was established in state law over 35 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.