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7 local School Improvement Councils named to state SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2022

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of 7 South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council's (SC-SIC) 2022 Honor Roll for their significant efforts to foster civic engagement in public education.

These Honor Roll SICs will continue in the running for SC-SIC's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. Now in its 21st year, the award is named for the former U.S. Secretary of Education and South Carolina Governor and his late wife, and recognizes the vital contributions made by more than 1,100 local SICs and their 12,000-plus SIC members across the state.

The local School Improvement Councils named to the SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2022 are (alphabetically):

- Bookman Road Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- Eastside High SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Foxbank Elementary SIC (Berkeley County School District)
- Greer Middle SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Joseph Keels Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- Leavelle McCampbell Middle SIC (Aiken County Public Schools)
- Millwood Elementary SIC (Sumter School District)

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"These Councils have excelled in supporting the success of their schools," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Robert Grant. "We applaud their efforts and dedication and thank them – and all SICs across our state – for the clear and lasting difference they make each day for their students, families, and schools."

"The value of our state's SICs cannot be stressed strongly enough," said Tom F. Hudson, SC-SIC Executive Director. "When parents, community members, educators, students, and others work together with shared vision, the positive impact can be tremendous. Our Honor Roll SICs this year should be very proud, as I am, of their accomplishments."

Five finalists from this year's list of Honor Roll SICs will be selected in March, with one to be announced as the winner of the annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence later in the spring.

SICs were established in state law 45 years ago. A founding partner of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) provides the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs in each of South Carolina's K-12 public schools.

More information on SC-SIC, the Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence, and award winners from previous years can be found online at https://.sic.sc.gov.

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