

Suggested Content for SIC School Webpages

- 1. A brief explanation of what an SIC is, who can serve, and how to get involved (see *School Improvement Councils* @ *Work for Public Education* at sic.sc.gov for language you can use).
- 2. SIC meeting agendas and meeting minutes
- 3. Current SIC bylaws
- 4. A copy of the most recent SIC Report to the Parents
- 5. A copy of the school's current five-year strategic plan or a summary of goals and action plans
- 6. SIC members' and officers' names and, if desired, photos of each, as well as the meeting schedule with dates, times, and locations for the school year
- 7. Upcoming events and information about your SIC's current work, projects, etc.
- 8. An email address link to your school principal or SIC Chair. You can create a separate email address just for SIC correspondence so long as someone will be checking it regularly.
- 9. Photos of SIC activities and copies of SIC press releases and submissions to school newsletter (obtain permission from parents before posting pictures of minor children)
- 10. SIC announcements or requests for volunteers, resources, etc.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Ask about any restrictions the district has in place for school websites; be prepared to work within district guidelines.
- Keep the content fresh by adding "breaking news" and updating your readers on progress achieved with ongoing projects. Include a list of SIC's current area(s) of focus, goals, and activities - and results!
- Break up text with headings and subheadings. Keep your content short and highlight key words.
- Display the SIC's name prominently on the page in an effective position, such as the page header.
- To keep your site from withering away, create a committee responsible for site maintenance that will retain at least one SIC member from year to year. A regularly updated site is more than just an information stream, it's a marketing tool that can and will keep parents and the greater school community engaged and involved.
- Thank and acknowledge your volunteers!
- Questions? Contact SC-SIC's Communications Coordinator Meredith Hooper at hooperml@mailbox.sc.edu.