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"Civic Engagement at Work for Public Education"

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Improvement Council Members
FROM: Tom F. Hudson, Executive Director, SC-SIC
DATE: August 28, 2020
RE: Local SIC Operations Under COVID-19

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

As the 2020-21 school year gets underway – in whatever fashion your district may be starting it – the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) shares here some pertinent information regarding changes to local SIC operations necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic.

- Reminder – The deadline for the 2020 “SIC Report to the Parents,” (originally April 30, 2020) has been extended to November 1, 2020 as previously communicated in April by SC-SIC. In addition to the content recommendations made in SC-SIC’s [“SIC Report to the Parents Toolkit”](#), local SICs may also wish to include information in their Reports describing their efforts in assisting school communities during closures caused by COVID-19.
- Local SICs are advised to meet *virtually* until further notice, as well as to hold their SIC member elections *virtually* (see the first installment of “SIC180” on social media and posted on the [SC-SIC homepage](#) relative to this). Stay tuned for a recorded workshop on these topics to be shared online soon.
- SIC member elections should be held as stipulated in statute by October 15, followed by SIC officer elections and mandated membership data reporting to the SC-SIC Member Network by November 15. SC-SIC realizes that due to current circumstances that there may be some unavoidable delays in meeting these deadlines – however, SICs are *strongly advised* to follow these statutory requirements as closely as possible.
- Due to COVID-19, districtwide in-person SIC member training sessions have been temporarily suspended. SIC District Contacts and local SICs are encouraged to utilize the “SIC Basics” [online video training modules](#) available on SC-SIC’s website. Virtual online SIC training will be available later this fall.

Don’t hesitate to contact the SC-SIC office at 1-800-868-2232 or by email at sic@mailbox.sc.edu should you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you, stay safe, and be well!