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Upstate’s Guarino named to SC-SIC Board of Trustees

COLUMBIA – Long-time public school volunteer Michael L. Guarino of Mauldin has recently been named to the S.C. School Improvement Council Board of Trustees, Board Chairman Carlos Primus has announced.

Guarino was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board, which is composed of 21 members from across the state and acts in an advisory capacity to the S.C. School Improvement Council (SC-SIC), which provides services to more than 15,000 members of local School Improvement Councils in the state’s 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

“Throughout the years, Mr. Guarino has displayed a commitment to our public schools and to the local school organizations with which he has served,” said Primus. “The SC-SIC Board of Trustees welcomes and will benefit from his experience, dedication and ideas as we work to strengthen community involvement in all of South Carolina’s public schools.”

A technical support supervisor with Verizon Wireless, Guarino came to the upstate in 1998. During that time, he has served as Chairman of the Mauldin High School SIC and a member of the Mauldin High PTA. He has also been a member and President of the Mauldin Middle School Band Booster Club, the Mauldin Middle PTA and Executive Board, and the PTA of Bethel Elementary School.

Guarino is a member of the Greenville, Simpsonville and Mauldin Chambers of Commerce, an Advisory Board member for SC Telco Federal Credit Union, has served for 10 years on the Greenville County Schools Curriculum Advisory Board, and is Board Chairman of Little Steps, a Simpsonville non-profit organization supporting teenage mothers to become more self-sufficient, healthy and confident parents.

A former business owner in New York, he was previously employed with the Clarkstown Central School District in the transportation field. In New York, Guarino was also actively involved in various school PTAs and parent leadership activities.

Located at the University of South Carolina’s College of Education, the S.C. School Improvement Council was established in state law over three decades ago to provide the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and operational resources vital to the continued success of the community-based School Improvement Councils in each of the state’s K-12 public schools.