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Ten local SICs named to SC School Improvement Council Honor Roll for 2016

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of 10 South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council's (SC-SIC) 2016 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. Named for the former US Secretary of Education and South Carolina Governor and his late wife, the Riley Award was created in 2002 to recognize the vital contributions made by more than 1,100 local SICs and their nearly 14,000 SIC members across the state.

The 10 School Improvement Councils named to the SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2016 are:

- Bluffton Middle SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Denmark-Olar High SIC (Denmark-Olar School District Two of Bamberg County)
- Ebinport Elementary SIC (Rock Hill Schools – York County District Three)
- H.E. McCracken Middle SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Jennie Moore Elementary SIC (Charleston County School District)
- Laing Middle School of Science and Technology SIC (Charleston County School District)
- Meadowfield Elementary SIC (Richland School District One)
- Port Royal Elementary SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- South Florence High SIC (Florence Public School District One)
- St. James High SIC (Horry County Schools)

"These School Improvement Councils demonstrated their hard work and commitment to supporting the success of their schools in the last year," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Michael Guarino. "We congratulate them on their efforts as Honor Roll SICs and we salute all of our School Improvement Councils across South Carolina for the lasting and positive impact they have on their school communities."

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

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School Improvement Councils were established in state law nearly 40 years ago. Part of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council 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 the state'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 <http://sic.sc.gov>.