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*"Civic Engagement at Work for Public Education"*

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## **11 local School Improvement Councils named to state SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2019**

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of 11 South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council’s (SC-SIC) 2019 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 11 School Improvement Councils named to the SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2019 are (alphabetically):

- Chandler Creek Elementary SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Chapin Middle SIC (School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- Charles B. DuBose Jr. Middle SIC (Dorchester School District Two)
- Dutch Fork High SIC (School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- Flowertown Elementary SIC (Dorchester School District Two)
- Hilton Head Island Middle SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Hilton Head Island High SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Millwood Elementary SIC (Sumter School District)
- Pontiac Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- Stone Academy of Communication Arts SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- W.C. Sullivan Middle SIC (Rock Hill Schools/York County District Three)

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“These 11 SICs from across South Carolina have exhibited their commitment to supporting the success of their schools and students,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Dora Leonard. “We congratulate them on their significant efforts and gratefully acknowledge all of our SICs across the state for the important and positive impact they make each and every day for their school communities.”

“The value and reach of our state’s School Improvement Councils cannot be emphasized enough,” said Tom F. Hudson, SC-SIC Executive Director. “The collaborative energies of parents, community members, educators, students, and other partners working together on identified needs and shared goals truly benefits us all. We are extremely proud of the dedication and accomplishments of this year’s Honor Roll SICs.”

Five finalists from this year’s list of Honor Roll SICs will be selected in February, with one to be announced as the winner of the annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence at the 2019 SC-SIC Annual Meeting, March 30, in Columbia.

SICs were established in state law over 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 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 <http://sic.sc.gov>.

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