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Five School Improvement Councils named 2019 finalists for annual state Riley Award for SIC Excellence

COLUMBIA – Five South Carolina School Improvement Councils (SICs) have been named statewide 2019 award finalists for their accomplishments in parent and civic engagement within their school communities.

The SC School Improvement Council's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence was created in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions made to public education by the nearly 14,000 local SIC members who volunteer in the state's 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

In alphabetical order, this year's Riley Award finalists are:

- Chandler Creek Elementary SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Chapin Middle SIC (School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- Flowertown Elementary SIC (Dorchester School District Two)
- Hilton Head Island High SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Hilton Head Island Middle SIC (Beaufort County School District)

"Congratulations to these School Improvement Councils on this recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of their schools and students," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Dora Leonard. "These SICs are evidence of the meaningful impact that parents, educators, students, and community members can make when they work collaboratively on shared goals."

The winner of this year's Riley Award will be selected from this year's finalists by an independent panel of reviewers and announced during the 2019 SC-SIC Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 30, in Columbia.

The SC-SIC Riley Award for SIC Excellence is named in honor of former SC Governor and US Education Secretary Richard Riley and his late wife, Tunky, and recognizes the couple's longstanding commitment to quality public education.

Part of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) was established in state law over 40 years ago to provide 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. Additional information on SC-SIC's programmatic efforts can be found online at <http://sic.sc.gov>.

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