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“Civic Engagement in Public Education”

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Fifteen local SICs named to S.C. School Improvement Council Honor Roll for 2012

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of 15 South Carolina public schools have been named to the S.C. School Improvement Council’s (SC-SIC) 2012 Honor Roll for their significant efforts to foster civic engagement in public education.

These Honor Roll SICs will continue in the running for the SC-SIC’s annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. Named for the former U.S. 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 the 14,000-plus local School Improvement Council members who volunteer in every public school in the state.

In alphabetical order, the 15 SC-SIC Honor Roll recipients for 2012 are:

Airport High School (Lexington School District 2)
Baron DeKalb Elementary School (Kershaw County School District)
Blythe Academy of Languages (Greenville County Schools)
Burton-Pack Elementary School (Richland School District 1)
Ebinport Elementary School (Rock Hill School District 3)
Hammond Hill Elementary School (Aiken County Public School District)
Jennie Moore Elementary School (Charleston County School District)
Jesse Boyd Elementary School (Spartanburg School District 7)
North Augusta Elementary School (Aiken County Public School District)
Port Royal Elementary School (Beaufort County School District)
St. James Elementary School (Horry County Schools)
Satchel Ford Elementary School (Richland School District 1)
Seneca High School (School District of Oconee County)
West View Elementary School (Spartanburg School District 6)
Woodmont Middle School (Greenville County Schools)

“We are very pleased to recognize these School Improvement Councils for the important work they’ve done to build parent and community commitment in their schools,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Sylleste Davis. “The contributions of time and talent made by our state’s SICs are even more vital in the current economic climate of limited revenue and tightened budgets. We must continue to honor and support our SICs for the value they bring to our schools, our children and the future of South Carolina.”

In the last year, local School Improvement Council members across South Carolina turned in well over 230,000 volunteer hours in their schools at an estimated value of nearly \$4 million – a significant return on the state’s current annual SC-SIC budget allocation of about \$206 per school.

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Five finalists from this year's list of Honor Roll schools will be selected late next month, with one to be named as the winner of the annual Riley Award. The award will be announced at the SC-SIC Annual Conference, March 24, 2012, in Columbia.

Located in the University of South Carolina's College of Education, the S.C. School Improvement Council was established in state law more than three decades 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 South Carolina's 1,100-plus 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>.