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Dr. Percy A. Mack named SIC Advocate of the Year for 2014

COLUMBIA – Dr. Percy A. Mack, Superintendent of Richland School District One, has been named by the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) Board of Trustees as SIC Advocate of the Year for 2014.

The award was presented Saturday, March 22, during the SC-SIC Annual Meeting in Columbia. The SIC Advocate of the Year Award recognizes exemplary efforts on behalf of School Improvement Councils and is presented annually by the SC-SIC Board of Trustees to individuals who go above and beyond in supporting and promoting SICs in their particular spheres of influence.

“Dr. Mack has demonstrated a strong commitment to civic engagement and volunteerism in his district,” said SC-SIC Board Immediate Past Chair Sylleste Davis in presenting the award. “He has been an outstanding advocate for the role of SICs in the lives and successes of schools and students.”

In his nearly six years with the district, Dr. Mack has consistently met with local School Improvement Council chairs on a quarterly basis through a “Superintendent’s SIC,” sharing information regarding district initiatives, gathering feedback, urging participation in community partnerships, and encouraging SIC efforts across the district.

Prior to coming to Richland One in July 2008, Dr. Mack served as superintendent of the Dayton Public School System in Dayton, OH. Before his service in Dayton, he was assistant superintendent in the DeKalb County School System in Decatur, GA. He also served as a coordinator of personnel, a high school principal and assistant principal, a teacher and a coach in Decatur. He began his teaching career in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System.

Dr. Mack holds a B.S. in Social Science Education from Savannah State College; M.Ed. in Social Science Education from the University of Georgia; and both the Ed.S. and Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision from Georgia State University. In addition, Dr. Mack has done further training in Reform Governance: School Board and Leadership. He attended the Harvard Institute of School Leadership and is a fellow of the Riley Institute on Diversity.

Previous recipients of the SIC Advocate of the Year Award have included state legislators, school and district level staff, and principal-SIC Chair teams.

A core partner of the Center for Educational Partnerships at the University of South Carolina College of Education, SC-SIC was established in state law over 35 years 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 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.