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Five S.C. public schools named finalists for annual state School Improvement Council award

COLUMBIA – Five South Carolina public schools have been named statewide award finalists for their School Improvement Councils’ efforts to foster parent and civic engagement.

The S.C. School Improvement Council’s annual Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award was created in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions made to public education by the more than 15,000 School Improvement Council (SIC) members who volunteer in every public school in the state.

This year’s five finalists are:

Bookman Road Elementary School (Richland School District 2), Elgin
Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts (Kershaw County School District), Camden
Laurel Hill Primary School (Charleston County School District), Mt. Pleasant
Meadowfield Elementary School (Richland School District 1), Columbia
Pineview Elementary School (Lexington School District 2), West Columbia

The SC-SIC Riley Award is named in honor of former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and his wife, Tunky, and recognizes the couple’s longstanding commitment to quality public education.

This year’s winner of the 2008 Riley Award will be selected from these finalists and announced at the SC-SIC’s 2008 Annual Conference, March 8, in Columbia.

“We congratulate these five School Improvement Councils and the great work they are doing for their schools and their students,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chairman Jeff Nicholson. “When parents, educators and the community work together on behalf public education, we all benefit – especially our children.”

Located at the University of South Carolina’s College of Education in Columbia, the SC-SIC provides training, resources and technical assistance to parent, community, staff, and student members of legislatively-mandated SICs in each of South Carolina’s nearly 1,200 public schools.