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Still appointed to state SIC Board of Trustees

COLUMBIA – Ellen M. Still, of Edisto Island, has been appointed to the S.C. School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) Board of Trustees, Board Chairman Jeff Nicholson has announced.

"Ms. Still has a great deal of expertise in the educational field and we are very fortunate to have her as a member of our Board," said Nicholson. "I know that her insight and experience will be a significant asset as we work toward helping South Carolina's schools reach their full potential."

The SC-SIC Board of Trustees is composed of 21 members from across the state and acts in an advisory capacity to the S.C. School Improvement Council. Located at the University of South Carolina, the SC-SIC provides training, resources and technical assistance to the 15,000 parent, community, staff, and student members of legislatively-mandated SICs in each of the state's 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

Still is the owner of Education Builders, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in educational data services, on-line learning and specialized teacher training. In her extensive career, she previously held several positions with the S.C. Department of Education, including those of Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Research and Technology; Special Assistant to the State Superintendent; and Coordinator of Research and Assessment.

Additionally, Still served as Director of Research for the S.C. Senate Education Committee and as Principal Auditor with the S.C. Legislative Audit Council. A former graduate instructor and research assistant at the University of South Carolina, she began her career as a junior high school teacher in the Chattanooga (Tenn.) public schools.

Still has been recognized for her professional and personal commitment to public education, including awards and citations from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the S.C. Reading Recovery Advisory Council, S.C. Vocational Directors' Association, S.C. Association of Adult and Continuing Education, and the S.C. Council for Exceptional Children.

She holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chattanooga, the Master of Arts in government and international studies from the University of South Carolina, and has completed Doctoral course work in government and international studies at USC.