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Chandler Creek Elementary School Improvement Council Awarded for Annual *Report to the Parents* **Excellence**

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Council of Chandler Creek School (Greenville Schools) has been named the recipient of SC-SIC's third annual *SIC Report to the Parents* Annual Award of Merit.

Due to the current public health situation, the award was announced by the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) in an online video Friday evening, May 1.

The Chandler Creek SIC previously ranked as one of the five finalists for SC-SIC's annual Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence in 2019.

South Carolina statute requires that each SIC prepare and disseminate a *Report to the Parents* each spring to inform their school communities of the school's and SIC's work and progress toward established improvement goals.

"This award is intended to recognize *Report* content, clarity, and design appeal, as well as to stress the importance of the *SIC Report to the Parents* to school communities," said SC-SIC Executive Director Tom F. Hudson. "We congratulate the Chandler Creek SIC on its outstanding efforts in fulfilling this required aspect of state law."

Local SICs not only produce these *Reports* for their local communities but are requested to also post them electronically as part of their accountability process to SC-SIC's online "Member Network." There, *Reports* are readily available to anyone wishing to read more about their School Improvement Council's work and efforts to achieve progress for their schools and students.

Staff and state Board of Trustees members of SC-SIC review all *SIC Reports to the Parents* posted online and through consensus determine an annual award recipient.

Helpful tips and resources to assist local School Improvement Councils in preparing these *Reports* are also available to them on the SC-SIC website.

Part of the Center for Education Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) was established in state law 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 1,110-plus K-12 public schools. More information on SC-SIC's programmatic efforts can be found online at http://sic.sc.gov.