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Hilton Head Island High SIC recognized for annual *Report to the Parents* excellence

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Hilton Head Island High School (Beaufort County School District) has been named the recipient of SC-SIC’s fourth annual Award of Merit for *SIC Report to the Parents* Excellence.

The 2021 Award was announced during an online awards ceremony Saturday morning.

The Hilton Head Island High SIC previously ranked as one of the five finalists for SC-SIC’s annual *Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence* in 2019 and 2018.

State statute requires that each SIC in South Carolina 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 Hilton Head Island High SIC on its outstanding efforts to excellently fulfill this required aspect of state law.”

Over the past six years, SICs have been asked to not only produce these *Reports* for their local communities but 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 to the “Member Network” and through discussion and consensus determine an annual award recipient.

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 <https://sic.sc.gov>.

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