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Anderson County School District Two named SIC Advocate of the Year for 2021

COLUMBIA – Anderson County School District Two was named the 2021 SIC Advocate of the Year in an online awards ceremony hosted Saturday by the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC).

The SIC Advocate of the Year Award recognizes exemplary efforts on behalf of School Improvement Councils across South Carolina by individuals and others actively supporting and promoting the work of SICs within their spheres of influence. Previous recipients of this Award have included Principals and Principal/SIC Chair teams, SIC District Contacts, School Board members, state education leaders, legislators, and others.

This is the first year that this Award has been presented to a South Carolina school district honoring work to further empower its School Improvement Councils.

“Anderson Two was selected for this Award in recognition of its commitment this past year to strengthening its SICs and building their capacity to better fulfill their roles in family-school-community relations. This was particularly vital during the challenges of the pandemic,” said SC-SIC Executive Director Tom F. Hudson.

Hudson stated that district Principals effectively utilized their SICs to better inform school closing and reopening plans, and SIC members district-wide were encouraged to share their voices regarding development of school spending plans of ESSER II funds for addressing educational losses and supporting health and well-being related to the impacts of COVID-19. Also of note was the establishment of a district-wide stakeholder team – including parent SIC members from each school – to serve in an advisory capacity to the district’s Interim Superintendent on a variety of topics.

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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