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7 local School Improvement Councils named to state SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2021

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of seven South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council’s (SC-SIC) 2021 Honor Roll for their significant efforts to foster civic engagement in public education.

These Honor Roll SICs will continue in the running for SC-SIC’s annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. Now in its 20th year, the award is named for the former US Secretary of Education and South Carolina Governor and his late wife, and recognizes the vital contributions made by more than 1,100 local SICs and their nearly 13,000 SIC members across the state.

The seven School Improvement Councils named to the SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2021 are (alphabetically):

- Eastside High SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Flowertown Elementary SIC (Dorchester School District Two)
- Millwood Elementary SIC (Sumter School District)
- Myrtle Beach Middle SIC (Horry County Schools)
- Round Top Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- St. James High SIC (Horry County Schools)
- W.C. Sullivan Middle SIC (Rock Hill Schools)

“These SICs have displayed their excellence in supporting the success of their schools this past year, particularly under the very challenging circumstances of this year’s pandemic,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Robert Grant. “We recognize their commitment and thank them – and all School Improvement Councils across South Carolina – for the real and lasting differences they make for their schools, parents, students, and communities.”

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“The roles of our state’s SICs can’t be emphasized enough,” said Tom F. Hudson, SC-SIC Executive Director. “Parents, educators, community members, students, and others coming together for the benefit of all can make a profound impact. I’m very proud of the accomplishments of our Honor Roll SICs this year and am grateful for their work.”

Five finalists from this year’s list of Honor Roll SICs will be selected in March, with one SIC to be announced as the recipient of the annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence in April.

SICs were established in state law over 40 years ago. A founding partner of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council provides the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs serving each of South Carolina’s K-12 public schools.

More information on SC-SIC, the Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence, and award winners from previous years can be found online at <https://sic.sc.gov>.

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