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Aiken County Superintendent King Laurence Named SIC Advocate of the Year for 2022

COLUMBIA – King Laurence, Superintendent of the Aiken County Public School District, was named the 2022 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.

“The SC School Improvement Council is most grateful for Superintendent Laurence’s long-time and unwavering commitment to the principles and practices of SICs,” said SC-SIC Executive Director Tom F. Hudson. “As SICs begin their 45th year of serving South Carolina schools and students, it’s particularly fitting that we honor an individual who has been ‘in on’ SICs from the very beginning.”

Hudson stated that Superintendent Laurence was an elected student member of his high school’s first SIC 45 years ago. Over the years and throughout his career as an educator, he has served on and worked with SICs as a teacher member, parent member, assistant principal, principal, district-level administrator, and now in his capacity as superintendent.

“Before becoming interim and then superintendent of his district in 2019, he served for a number of years as the SIC District Contact for the Aiken County Public School District,” said Hudson. “Currently in his first term as a member of the SC-SIC Board of Trustees, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with Superintendent Laurence through the years and to see firsthand his support and commitment to the work of our state’s School Improvement Councils.”

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 45 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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