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*"Civic Engagement at Work for Public Education"*

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## **Six local School Improvement Councils named to state SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2023**

COLUMBIA – The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of six (6) South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council’s (SC-SIC) 2023 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 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the award is named for the former U.S. 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 11,000-plus SIC members across the state.

The local School Improvement Councils named to the SC-SIC Honor Roll for 2023 are (alphabetically):

- Belvedere Elementary SIC (Aiken County Public Schools)
- Greer High SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Hilton Head Island High SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Jennie Moore Elementary SIC (Charleston County School District)
- Piney Woods Elementary SIC (District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- Wilder Elementary SIC (Sumter School District)

“The School Improvement Councils named to this year’s Honor Roll have demonstrated their support of their schools’ success,” said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Stewart Cooner. “We congratulate them on this distinction and thank them – and all SICs across South Carolina – for the impact they make every day for their schools, families, and students.”

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“The contributions of our state’s School Improvement Councils cannot be stressed enough,” said Tom F. Hudson, SC-SIC Executive Director. “When educators, families, students, and communities collaborate on common goals, the positive outcomes for all are invaluable. The SICs named to this year’s Honor Roll should be rightfully proud of this achievement.”

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

SICs were established in state law 45 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 (SC-SIC) provides the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs in 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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