

SIC District Contact Digest

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No Summer Slide at SC-SIC!



Summer is nearly upon us (Yay!) and we hope that everyone will find some time to kick back and relax after a hectic school year. At SC-SIC, we treasure this quieter time of year as it gives us an opportunity to upgrade and create new tools and trainings. If you have suggestions on ways that we can improve our service to your district's SICs in the coming school year, please drop us a line at utter@mailbox.sc.edu. We'd love to hear from you!

Deadline for Posting the SIC Report to the Parents to the SC-SIC Member Network is June 1

We've now passed the statutory deadline (April 30) for SIC's to prepare and distribute their annual *Reports to the Parents*. SICs have until June 1 to post those *Reports* to the *Member Network*. If you haven't done so already, please ask your SICs to make sure that they post their *Reports*; not only does it provide members of the SIC's own school community another way to access the *Report*, it also serves as a way for SICs to read about what other schools are doing across the state.



Also, please take a moment to check out our new *SIC Report to the Parents* toolkit on our website at <http://sic.sc.gov/SICInformation/Pages/SICsSICLeaders.aspx>. It includes examples of several high quality *Reports* that SC-SIC staff selected from all those posted for 2015-16. They

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SIC Webpages: The Good News and the Not-So-Good News

We've had occasion to visit school websites in a number of districts recently and the good news is, an increasing number have a page on their site dedicated to their SIC. The not-so-good news is that a significant number of these SIC pages are sparsely populated with content. Thus,



a golden opportunity to communicate with the school community is going unused.

In an effort to help, SC-SIC has developed a one-page handout that lists suggested content for an SIC webpage. It's posted on our website under the SIC and SIC Leaders portal (scroll down to Additional Resources, Training, and Publications). Also, for an example of a particularly good SIC

webpage, check out the Ebinport Elementary SIC's page at <http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/domain/359>. Ebinport Elementary was the winner of the 2016 Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence.

Engagement for Outcomes Slots are Filling Up Fast

Engagement for Outcomes (EFO) is SC-SIC's intensive 12-18 month capacity-building program for individual SICs that want to improve their effectiveness in achieving results that improve their schools. An SC-SIC facilitator is assigned to each participating school to deliver ongoing training and technical assistance during regular SIC meetings using the "Getting To Outcomes™" method of strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. You can read more about EFO on our website under the SIC and SIC Leaders portal at <http://sic.sc.gov/SICInformation/Pages/SICsSICLeaders.aspx>. (Scroll down to Additional Resources, Training, and Publications.)

We currently have 2-3 slots available for schools that would like to start over this summer or in August. If you think that this program would be a good fit for one or more SIC's in your district, please encourage them to contact Karen Utter, SC-SIC Program Coordinator, at utter@mailbox.sc.edu.

SICs and the *SC School Report Card Narrative*

State law directs that the principal prepare the narrative to the annual *SC School Report Card* “in conjunction with the School Improvement Council,” and the narrative is intended to be signed by both the principal and the SIC Chair. We know that principals may not actually write the narrative until after school is dismissed, when SIC members may not be easy to reach. Therefore, we encourage SICs to include this item on a meeting agenda near the end of the school year so that they have an opportunity to discuss the content of the narrative with the principal before the SIC Chair signs off on the final draft.

It’s Not Too Soon To Schedule *Basics* Training for the Coming Year

One issue that regularly comes up in comments on our *Basics* trainings is the timing of the trainings. Members continue to ask for the opportunity to access this training as early as possible in their term of office.

Please keep in mind that if SICs in your district are holding their elections in the spring, SC-SIC staff are available to deliver *Basics* and other SIC trainings over the summer months. Our *Basics* video training modules are also available on the SC-SIC website and can be accessed at any time. It’s not too soon to lock in a date for August or September. We want to help your SICs utilize the full school year - and holding an early *Basics* session is key to meeting that goal.

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include *Reports* from Carolina High School and Academy (Greenville); Denmark-Olar High School (Denmark-Olar/Bamberg 2); H.E. McCracken Middle School (Beaufort); Muller Road Middle School (Richland 2); Pleasant Hill Elementary School (Lexington 1), and T.L. Hanna High School (Anderson 5).

***Thank you for all of your good work this year
in support of your SICs!***

