

The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of nine South Carolina public schools have been named to the SC School Improvement Council's (SC-SIC) 2013 Honor Roll for their significant efforts to foster civic

These Honor Roll SICs will continue in the running for SC-SIC's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. Named for the former U.S. Secretary of Education and South Carolina Governor and his late wife, the Riley Award was created in 2002 to recognize the vital contributions made by the 14,000-plus local School Improvement Council members who volunteer in every public school in the state.

In alphabetical order, the nine SICs named to this year's Honor Roll are:

- Beck Academy Middle SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Blaney Elementary SIC (Kershaw County School District)
- Brushy Creek Elementary SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- C.A. Johnson High SIC (Richland School District 1)

engagement in public education.

- Eagle Nest Elementary SIC (Dorchester School District 2)
- Ebinport Elementary SIC (Rock Hill School District 3)
- North Augusta High SIC (Aiken County Public School District)
- Okatie Elementary SIC (Beaufort County School District)
- Richland Northeast High SIC (Richland School District 2)

"These School Improvement Councils have demonstrated their commitment to the vital work of building parent and community engagement in their schools," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Ellen M. Still. "In today's environment of limited revenue and increased expectations, the contributions made by South Carolina's School Improvement Councils and their members are even more essential. We congratulate these SICs and continue to honor and support all of our School Improvement Councils for the significant value they bring to their schools, their students, and the future of South Carolina."

Five finalists from this year's list of Honor Roll SICs will be selected in February, with one to be named as the winner of the annual Riley Award. This year's Riley Award recipient will be announced at the SC-SIC Annual Meeting, March 23, 2013, in Columbia. The event will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SICs in South Carolina. Register today and join in the celebration!