**HES School Improvement Council**

#### SC-SIC Helps SICs and Schools Achieve Excellence

#### Successful Schools Benefit EVERYONE

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Just as everyone benefits from good schools, everyone shares responsibility for making sure that schools and students have what they need to succeed. SIC members use their relationships in the community to connect their school with resources to meet those needs.

# Working Together to Give Every Child an Opportunity to Succeed!

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Good schools benefit the whole community, including taxpayers who do not currently have children in school, by:

* Increasing property values.
* Attracting good paying jobs that create more customers for local businesses.
* Graduating students with skills that local employers need to compete in a 21st century economy.

A stronger local economy strengthens the whole community by raising living standards and by encouraging our children to stay and serve the community where they grew up.

The South Carolina School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) provides local SICs with information, training, and assistance, most of which is free of charge, about things like:

* Holding SIC elections.
* Meeting SIC membership requirements.
* Helping schools meet improvement goals.
* Helping parents get involved in their children's learning.
* Finding community partners.
* Writing the *SIC Report to the Parents*.
* Applying for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence.

Contact us by phone or email, or visit us online at *sic.sc.gov*.

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***Family Engagement Tip***: Teaching children that education matters is one of the most important ways that every parent can get involved.

Parents can do this by setting high expectations for their children, discussing shared hopes and dreams for the future, and holding their children responsible for doing their best.

GAME ON!

SIC elections must be held by October 15th each year. Some schools hold elections at the beginning of the school year; others hold elections in late spring for the coming school year. **Contact your school's principal for specific details about SIC elections and community member appointments at your school.**

Although you must be a member to vote on SIC matters, SIC meetings are open to all interested persons in the community. SICs also rely on volunteers from all parts of the community to carry out their activities. **Contact your school's SIC chair to see how you can help!**

**5 Strategy Plays**

**Play 1**

* **BE POSITVE! Always say I can, not I can’t**

**Play 2**

* **Be a Leader. Always be an example of greatness.**

**Play 3**

* **Be Teachable. Keep learning everyday, everyday, everyday.**

**Play 4**

* **Be a Team Player. Working together is always better.**

**Play 5**

* **Be Technolically Literate. Be more productive not distractive.**

Experts who study education have found that children do better in school when a parent actively participates in their education.

Serving on an SIC is one way that parents can get involved. SIC parents are not expected to be experts in how to run a school or a classroom. While your school does need advice from educational experts, it also needs practical information from parents about the special needs and strengths of children and families at your school. This knowledge helps your school make better decisions that lead to improved student achievement.

SIC parent members also benefit from the opportunity to learn more about their school and to build relationships with the principal, other parents, teachers, and community members.

A School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory body to the principal and school. State law requires that every K-12 public school have an SIC that includes:

At least two parents elected by parents.

At least two teachers elected by teachers.

At least two students elected by students (required only for grade nine and above).

Community members who do not have children enrolled at the school, appointed by the principal.

The principal and other ex-officio members.

# Game Plan For LifeGame Plan For Greatness

#### What Is an SIC?How Can I Serve?

#### Kids Do Better in School

#### When Parents Are Involved