

What's New...



With SICs in 2015-16?

SIC-Related Legislation

Read to Succeed Act of 2014

- Goal of the Act is to have students reading at grade level by the 3rd grade
- Defined role of the SIC is to provide input on training/support for parents as part of the school's Reading Proficiency Plan
- SICs can also undertake goals/activities in support of the Plan



New Resources for SICs

This Is Your SIC – A Handbook for Effectiveness

- Completely redesigned handbook for local SIC operations and success
- Such topics areas as: Rules Applying to SICs; Getting Your SIC Up and Running; Taking Action to Improve Your School; Basics of Organizing an SIC; Basics of Operation an SIC; School Improvement Plan sample.
- Posted to <http://sic.sc.gov> PDF format



New Resources for SICs

Online Toolkits for Local SICs

- Elections Toolkit
- Bylaws Toolkit
- SIC Activity Resource Library

Upcoming Toolkits

- Effective SIC Meetings Toolkit
- Read to Succeed Toolkit
- SICs and Social Media Toolkit
- *SIC Report to the Parents* Toolkit



SC-SIC e-Publications

SC-SIC Council News

- Electronic newsletter
- Issued several times each school year to SC-SIC listserv of SIC members, school administrators, and others

SC-SIC In the Loop

- Periodic email blast with pertinent dates and info for SIC members



What's On the Horizon?

Revitalized Website

- Same address – <http://sic.sc.gov>
- More user-friendly and intuitive
- Will still have a host of info and resources for SIC members, school/district administrators, members of the general public
- Continuous source of new materials
- Look for it before the end of 2015



What's On the Horizon?

SIC Membership Reporting Deadline

- November 15th annually per statute
- Please monitor and encourage your SICs to comply with this deadline

Riley Award for SIC Excellence Deadline

- Level One applications due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 23rd
- Application info available online



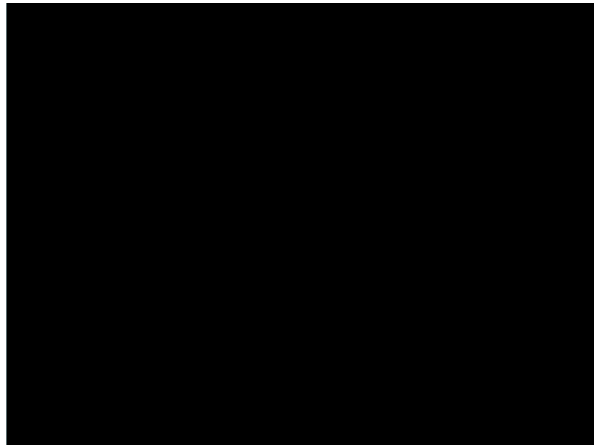
What's On the Horizon?

SC-SIC Annual Meeting

- March 2016 in Columbia
- Presenters and workshops of interest to local SIC members
- *Riley Award* winner announced

Annual SIC Report to the Parents

- To be issued by April 30th annually
- Written primarily by SICs with input and information from principals



You're a District Contact -



Now What?

What Is a District Contact?

- Appointed by their superintendents, District Contacts serve as liaisons between local SICs and the SC-SIC office
- One of those "other related duties as required" types of positions
- Help monitor SIC compliance, answer and refer questions, assist with resources, and schedule/conduct training



District Contact Duties

Monitoring local SIC compliance

- Obtain an SC-SIC Member Network user account to monitor and encourage proper SIC membership reporting
- Assist in communicating various reporting deadlines (elections, membership, *SIC Reports to the Parents*, etc.)



District Contact Duties

Monitoring local SIC compliance

- Check the SC-SIC Member Network periodically to ensure that their district's SICs have reported their membership and are in compliance
- Contact and encourage non-compliant SICs to come into compliance in a timely fashion
- Help ensure that *SIC Reports to the Parents* are uploaded to the Network for public view



District Contact Duties

Answer and refer questions

- Answer questions about SIC membership requirements, bylaws, meetings, elections, etc.
- Provide direction and insight on developing the *SIC Reports to the Parents*
- Refer questions to SC-SIC office as needed



District Contact Duties

Assist with resources

- Assist with distribution of the SIC Handbook
- Inform local SIC members of resources available to them through the SC-SIC office (website, *Council News*, *In the Loop*, etc.)
- Provide printed materials for SIC-related training conducted in the district



District Contact Duties

Schedule and/or conduct SIC training

- Schedule "SIC Basics" training in the district at least once per year or, if certified, conduct local trainings
- Identify other training needs for SICs, such as "SIC Leadership," "SIC Goal-Setting," "Communicating with the School Community," or others



District Contact Duties

Additional duties:

- Encourage and assist local SICs in applying for the annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence
- Encourage participation in statewide SIC events
- Maintain contact with principals and SIC Chairs
- Advocate on the district level about the importance of SICs



SC-SIC Mission:

"To promote and support civic engagement for quality public education in South Carolina."



"Civic Engagement in Public Education"

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