

Successful Schools Benefit EVERYONE

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.



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.

Our Vision

The vision of Panther New Tech @ Ronald E. McNair Junior High School is and will be a school where trust, respect, and responsibility are the norm; where everyone is accountable to each other, themselves, and the community; and where actions speak louder than words.

Our Mission

The mission of Panther New Tech @ Ronald E. McNair Junior High School is to help our students gain the knowledge and deeper learning skills needed to succeed in life, college, and the careers of tomorrow.



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Ronald E. McNair Junior High School

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School Improvement Council

One Team. One Goal. NO LIMITS!

What Kinds of Things Do SICs Do?

SICs are focused on school improvement. SIC members participate in writing the school improvement plan by sharing their knowledge about student, family, and community needs and suggesting ideas for effective change. Under South Carolina's new Read to Succeed law, SICs also advise their school on plans to improve student reading levels.

SICs carry out many different kinds of activities that help schools meet their improvement goals. For example, SICs may decide to work together with their schools on:

- Using new and effective ways to get more parents involved in their school and student learning.
- Bringing in volunteers, funds, goods and services, or other needed resources from the community to the school.

Examples of specific SIC projects and activities that have been recognized by the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence can be found at sic.sc.gov.

SICs also write an annual *Report to the Parents* about their school's progress and assist the principal with the narrative for the *SC School Report Card*.

Kids Do Better in School When Parents Are Involved

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.

What you should know

School Improvement Councils (SICs) serve the school principal and faculty in an advisory role, bringing together parents, educators, students, and community stakeholders to collaborate on the improvement of their local school. SICs are mandated by law to exist in every public school in South Carolina.

2016–2017 SIC Members

Parents

1. April Tucker, Chair
2. Gloria Smith
3. Jessica Spurrell
4. Catrina Filyaw

School Representatives

1. Crystal Huckabee
2. Desiree Wilson
3. Cliff Gardner

Community Representatives

(appointed by the Principal)

1. Emma Martin
2. Betty Stone
3. Paige Strickland

Ex-officio

1. Kristi L. Anderson, Principal
2. Deitra Johnson, Assistant Principal

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!**