

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.

Want To Become A Member Of The SIC

Please consider being a part of the HMES School Improvement Council. We will meet once a quarter. The specific day and time will be communicated at the beginning of the school year. Please fill out the following application and return to the front office.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Email: _____

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**Parents + Educators
Community Members = SIC**

**Hunt Meadows
Elementary School**

School Improvement Council

2020-2021



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



What Is an SIC?

The SC School Improvement Council was first established in South Carolina law over three decades ago to provide the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources vital to the continued success of community-based School Improvement Councils in each of the state's 1,100-plus public schools. SC-SIC receives its funding from the SC General Assembly and is the only statewide organization in the nation solely devoted to the assistance of local School Improvement Councils.

In partnership with the College of Education at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC-SIC fulfills its mission by providing a wide range of workshops and training programs at the state, regional, district and school levels for council members and related school personnel. A variety of services are available at no cost to SICs.

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.

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.