

SC-SIC Strategic Plan 2008-2011

SC School Improvement Council Advisory Board

Mission: Grounded in its 30-year history and legislatively-mandated responsibilities, the core commitment of SC-SIC is to ***promote and support civic engagement for quality public education in South Carolina.***

Vision: The SC-SIC pursues its goals using the acronym **ABLE** to direct its strategies. **ABLE** represents Advocacy and Accountability, the Basics, Leadership, and Engagement.

It is the role of SC-SIC to serve as an advocate for quality public education as well as to assist local SICs in their own **advocacy** efforts through the provision of training, materials, resources, and support. In this age of **accountability**, the SC-SIC can help local SICs to respond to their stakeholders and meet the requirements of statutes such as membership compliance and various performance and reporting measures such as the annual *State Report Card* narratives and individual yearly SIC *Reports to the Parents*.

The SC-SIC works with local SICs and provides them with information on **the basics** of effective SIC operations – such as key responsibilities, legislatively-mandated roles and membership requirements – through ongoing training offerings, printed materials and the website (<http://sic.sc.gov>).

As the state's largest organization linking parents and community to their local public schools, SC-SIC collaborates with South Carolina's 1,100-plus SICs in taking **leadership** roles not only for their individual schools, but in the push for quality public education for all children, through the establishment of sound academic achievement goals and demonstration of success in reaching those goals.

Because any meaningful achievement of our state's public education system – and our students – is directly related to the active involvement of the entire school community, SC-SIC endeavors to continually foster the **engagement** of parents and community members in the life and success of their local schools. It is such civic engagement in public education that is not only the mainstay of the SC-SIC, but the thrust of state legislation governing the organization and the philosophies behind it.

SC-SIC Goals:

1. Increase community engagement in public education to further improve our state's schools
2. Advance SIC recognition and support at all levels within the statewide education community
3. Develop a mature infrastructure at the state level to support the mission and vision of SICs across the state
4. Diversify the SC-SIC funding base to increase resources and stabilize support
5. Increase the outreach capacity of SC-SIC and effectiveness of local SICs by expanding access to information on education and schools for both our members and the general public