



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

### **What is a School Improvement Council – referred to as the School Improvement Committee (SIC) at Paris?**

An SIC is a broad-based body intended to advise the principal and school, and is focused on helping to achieve school improvement.

### **Who serves on an SIC?**

Parent, teacher, and community member representatives serve on the Paris SIC, as do the school's principal and other ex-officio members.

The SIC at Paris includes:

Elected Members:	Amy Gasparich	Teacher
	Angie Lovelace	Parent
	Jennifer Owens	Parent
	Savannah Porter	Parent (serving as 2019-2020 Chair)
	Tara Posner	Parent
	Jodi Rubio	Parent
	Julie Smart	Parent
	Megan Stathakis	Parent (serving as 2019-2020 Secretary)
	Kristin Whitehead	Parent
	Jessica Zannini	Teacher
Appointed Members:	Tommy McCarty	
	Sheila Moss	
	Michael Stathakis	
	Stephanie Thomas	
Ex-Officio Members:	Bert Watts	
	Emily Gerard	Assistant Principal
	David Wise	Principal

### **Is every school required to have an SIC?**

State law requires that every K-12 public school in South Carolina convene an SIC. The law states that it is the responsibility of the local school board to ensure SICs are constituted within each district. This includes career, vocational, and technical schools. Public charter schools may convene an SIC but it is not required by law.

### **How many SICs members are there in South Carolina?**

As of January 2018, there are approximately 13,000 individuals serving as SIC members on more than 1,100 School Improvement Councils throughout South Carolina.

### **What do SICs do?**

SIC duties focus primarily on the school improvement process. SICs:

- provide input and feedback during the development of the school's five-year renewal (improvement) plan and annual updates;
- assist in implementation of school improvement programs and activities;
- monitor and report on progress toward improvement goals in the annual *SIC Report to the Parents* and with the principal in the narrative to the *SC School Report Card*;
- provide other assistance as requested by the principal.

**What are the limitations on an SICs' authority?**

SICs are advisory only. They do not have any of the powers and duties reserved for the local school board, district, or school administrators, teachers, and staff.

**How are SIC parent representatives chosen?**

Parents are nominated and elected by the parents at their child's school. State law requires that parent elections be held by October 15 each year. Paris Elementary holds nominations and elections in May. Four parents are elected each year to serve a two-year term.

**How are SIC teacher representatives chosen?**

Teachers are nominated and elected by teachers at their school. State law requires that teacher elections be held by October 15 each year. Paris Elementary elects teachers during the first week of inservices each year. One teacher is elected each year to serve a two-year term.

**How are community member representatives chosen?**

The school principal appoints community member representatives to the SIC. Interested community members should contact the school principal or SIC Chair for more details.