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## Media Release

### **Jennie Moore SIC named to State Honor Roll**

**Mount Pleasant, SC** – Jennie Moore Elementary School’s (JME) School Improvement Council (SIC) was named one of six South Carolina public schools to the SC School Improvement Council’s (SC-SIC) 2023 Honor Roll for their significant efforts to foster civic engagement in public education.

These Honor Roll SICs will continue in the running for SC-SIC’s annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence.

“When everything shut down for COVID-19, the JME SIC rose to the occasion,” said Principal Karen Felder. “We had a lot of new members and they took full advantage of Zoom meetings and worked together remotely to plan and create activities and options for parents, students, and teachers at JME.”

Now in its 22nd year, the award is named for the former U.S. Secretary of Education and South Carolina Governor and his late wife, and recognizes the vital contributions made by more than 1,100 local SICs and their 11,000-plus SIC members across the state.

“I knew from the moment I met this council that they were going to make a huge difference,” said Chrissy Hilfiger, JME SIC Co-Chair. “Each and every member on the council has greatly contributed to our success. It’s been so inspiring. We were able to assist the teachers at JME as well as keep the JME students and families engaged in learning especially during the Pandemic.”

Megan Rzycki, who serves as a co-chair said it has been wonderful to be a part of the JME SIC.

“I am so proud of the work that we have done to support the JME community during the pandemic,” said Rzycki. “With creativity and flexibility we were able to provide school-wide events that brought the school community together for fun and educational virtual activities.”

JME joins Belvedere Elementary School SIC (Aiken County Public Schools), Greer High School SIC (Greenville County Schools), Hilton Head Island High School SIC (Beaufort County School District), Piney Woods Elementary School SIC (District 5

of Lexington and Richland Counties), and Wilder Elementary School SIC (Sumter School District) in being recognized.

"The School Improvement Councils named to this year's Honor Roll have demonstrated their support of their schools' success," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Stewart Cooner. "We congratulate them on this distinction and thank them – and all SICs across South Carolina – for the impact they make every day for their schools, families, and students."

Five finalists from this year's list of Honor Roll SICs will be selected in March, with one to be announced as the winner of the annual Riley Award for SIC Excellence later in the spring.

SICs were established in state law 45 years ago. A founding partner of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University Of South Carolina College Of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) provides the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs in each of South Carolina's K-12 public schools.

More information on SC-SIC, the Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence, and award winners from previous years can be found online at <https://sic.sc.gov>. For more information on the JME SIC, contact Principal Felder at (843) 849-2815.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.