

**WHATWORKSC ADDS NEW
SECTION ON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—“WhatWorksSC,” a Riley Institute at Furman University project that researches and details the best practices in public education, has added a new resource to its website.

The newest section is “Building Strong School Leadership,” which is one of the areas that South Carolina citizens have described as key in improving the state’s public schools.

The goal of WhatWorksSC, the second phase of the Riley Institute’s statewide public education project, is to provide comprehensive information for South Carolina educators and policy makers.

The section on school leadership includes a report co-authored by Connie McDowell, School Leadership Faculty and Upstate Schools Consortium Coordinator at Furman University, and Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent for Educator Quality and Leadership at the S.C. Department of Education. The new material also features a case study on the South Carolina Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI), as well as an evolving clearinghouse of other school leadership initiatives.

Other public education topics currently on the website are “Transforming Public Schools into Community Learning Centers,” “Improving Learning in the Early Years,” “Dropout Prevention Strategies” and “Developing Incentives to Recruit, Retain and Support Effective Teachers.”

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The public education project is being carried out by the Riley Institute's Center for Education and Policy Leadership (CEPL). The initial study centered around 3,000 hours of interviews with nearly 800 people representing every school district in the state, including businesspersons, parents, students, school board members, teachers, superintendents and principals.

The Riley Institute education study is funded by a multi-year grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The Institute is named for Furman graduate and former South Carolina governor and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. It offers a broad array of programs designed to engage students and citizens across South Carolina in the various arenas of politics, public policy and public leadership.

For more information, visit the CEPL [website](#) or call the Center for Education Policy and Leadership at 864-294-3541.

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