

# RICHLAND #44 SCHOOL BOARD

*RICHLAND #44  
SCHOOL DISTRICT*

**RICHLAND #44  
SCHOOL FOUNDATION**  
509(a)(3) Type I  
Supporting Organization

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***A 509(a)(3) supporting organization** is a unique entity in the nonprofit space. It is a sub-category of 501(c)(3), and it is considered a public charity in-and-of itself. What is substantially different about a supporting organization, however, is the fact that it cannot exist on its own. Rather, it is subordinate to another 501(c)(3) public charity, or in this case a governmental unit. As the name suggests, its only purpose is to support the parent organization. **A Type I supporting organization** must be operated, supervised or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. The relationship between the supported organization(s) and the supporting organization is sometimes described as similar to a parent-subsidiary relationship.*

**Mission:** The Richland #44 School Foundation's mission is to raise funds for innovative programs and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for students and staff thereby enriching the quality of life for the greater community and helping prepare students for the twenty-first century.

**Vision:** In partnership with the community, the Richland #44 School District Foundation financially supports creative programs that stimulate excellence in the areas of academics, the arts, and extra-curricular activities while enriching and enhancing the education offered by the Richland #44 School District. The Richland #44 School District Foundation also awards scholarship monies to students who pursue post-secondary education.