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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Beaufort-Jasper Career Education Center which was created pursuant to Act No. 214 of 1975. The question is whether or not the Board under which the Center operates can be considered an integral part of both counties or a separate political subdivision. This question is answered by Section 2 of Act No. 214 which provides: 'The vocational school shall not constitute a separate school district but shall be a joint project for the establishment of a vocational school by the cooperating school districts.'

It is thus the opinion of this Office that any employees of the new district who were formerly employees of either Beaufort County or Jasper County School Districts may simply retain their former identification number and that new employees may be assigned numbers according to their county of residence or according to such other criteria as the Retirement System sees fit to apply.

With best regards,

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