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*1 Mr. Samuel L. Copeland
District Superintendent
Marion County School District Number Four
Route 1
Gresham, SC 29546

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Your recent request for an opinion from the Attorney General has been referred to me for reply.

Answering your questions in reverse order, that office has often issued the opinion that school board members are officers in the constitutional sense and cannot serve as a member of the board of county commissioners.

The answer to your second question concerning superintendents and principals, depends on whether or not the position is one of employment. I am sure the principal would be an employee, but you will have to determine if the district superintendents are employed or elected or appointed to an office. If a person is employed by the school district, there would be no dual office holding problem if the person served as a county commissioner.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

George C. Beighley
Assistant Attorney General

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