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*1 Honorable Daniel E. Winstead
Member
House of Representatives
District No 117
Charleston County
2441 Bengal Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

Dear Mr. Winstead:

You have requested an opinion of this Office as to the respective powers of the Charleston County Consolidated School Board and the constituent school boards in the hiring of certain personnel.

Act No. 721, Acts and Joint Resolutions of South Carolina, 1978, made amendments in Sections 5 and 6 of Act No. 340 of 1967 which read as follows:

[Section 5 . . . The Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District shall . . .] (16) [a]ppoint the principals of all schools in Charleston County from among the qualified persons recommended by the trustees of the constituent district in which the particular school is located.

Section 6. The teachers and other constituent district personnel necessary for the efficient operation of the schools in each constituent district, except for school principals, shall be employed by the trustees thereof, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District.

Under these amendments, the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District appoints all school principals while the district employs teachers and other district personnel subject to the approval of the County School District Board.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

J. Emory Smith, Jr.
State Attorney

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