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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Ralph E. Watkins, Jr.
District Superintendent
Newberry County Public Schools
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Dear Mr. Watkins:

In response to your letter of June 18, 1974, this office can discover no reason why the Newberry County Board of Education cannot appoint a physician to be designated as school physician. However, this office does not feel that the School Board can deny a student the right to have his own physician examine him also. The Board can require a child to submit the examination by the school physician, but cannot deny him the right to be examined by his own physician.

Of course in the event that a child decides to have his own physician examine him in addition to the school's physician, the Newberry County Board of Education has the sole discretion as to which report it choosed to accept, if there is any variation in the doctors's opinions.

Yours very truly,

M. Elizabeth Crum
Assistant Attorney General

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