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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable Clyde M. Dangerfield

Member

House of Representatives

Charleston County

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Dear Clyde:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 1982, in which you inquire whether this Office would be in a position to assist a Constituent School Board of Charleston County in an action against the County Consolidated School Board to obtain from a court the defined responsibilities of the different boards.

I regret very much that I am unable to be of assistance to the Constituent School Board in this instance. We are severely curtailed in this Office because of budget restrictions, with which you are familiar, and which are prevalent in all agencies in the State. Consequently, we have necessarily been required to lessen our participation in areas except those in which we are required by law to act.

On a number of occasions, we have in the past represented various political subdivisions in actions, but they have always related to matters of Statewide interest and concern. So far as I am aware, it appears that such an issue does not seem to be present in the dispute between the Constituent School Board and the Consolidated School Board.

I can only recommend that you seek assistance from an attorney who may be willing to assist the Constituent School Board and assume the responsibility of preparing the conducting the case. If such a procedure is followed, we will, to the extent facilities in this Office permit, be of such assistance to that attorney as we can; however, the sole responsibility must rest, of course, upon the person who is willing to act for the Constituent School Board in such circumstances.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod

Attorney General

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