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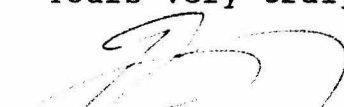
The Honorable Stephen P. Lanford, Sr.
Member, House of Representatives
District No. 35, Spartanburg County
333-D Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative Lanford:

You have requested the opinion of this Office as to whether a school board or state supported school can prohibit political candidates from campaigning and/or passing out political paraphernalia to persons attending local football games. In response to your request I am enclosing copies of two previous opinions of this Office addressing related matters. Ops. Att'y Gen. March 17, 1978, and April 11, 1978. I am also enclosing a copy of a February 21, 1990, opinion which indicated that a school district is not required to make its facilities available at non-school times to outside groups unless it permits some such groups to use the facilities. Ops. Att'y Gen. February 21, 1990. The above authority indicates that a school district may be permitted to prohibit campaigning at a school district football game on school property provided that other outside groups or individuals are not permitted to use the facility for non-school purposes.

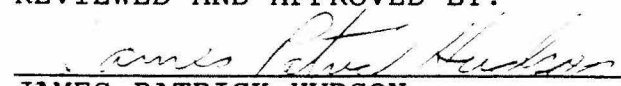
I hope that this information is helpful to you. If you need further information, please let me know.

Yours very truly,


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