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Dear Marvin:

As attorney for the Colleton County School District Board of Trustees, you have requested the advice of this Office as to whether the District must pay certified administrators in 1996-1997 consistently with the Statewide minimum salary schedule for that year and whether the District must maintain salary supplements for them at, at least, the present level next year.

Subject to any legislative change this session, I concur in the legal conclusions that you have reached regarding these issues in the research that you have attached to your request letter.¹ Your conclusion was that the School district must pay certified administrative personnel in the 1996-1997 school year consistently with the Statewide minimum salary schedule for that year and that the school district must maintain local salary supplements to those administrators at least at their current level in that year (see S.C. Code Ann. §59-20-50 (Supp. 1995)); however, I express no opinion as to whether the salary supplements must be maintained at a percentage level nor do I address any other issues that may be set forth in your research. For your further information, I am enclosing a copy of a previous opinion of this Office regarding supplements. Ops. Atty. Gen. (December 9, 1987).

¹ Your research references communications attributed to another State agency. I cannot speak for that agency, nor can I determine from your reference that the same question was posed of that agency as you have asked here.

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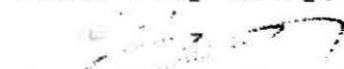
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This letter is an informal opinion. It has been written by the designated Assistant Deputy Attorney General and represents the opinion of the undersigned attorney as to the specific questions asked. It has not, however, been personally reviewed by the Attorney General nor officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,



J. Emory Smith, Jr.

Assistant Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure

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