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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Francis K. Sullivan
Executive Secretary
Charleston County Legislative Delegation
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On behalf of Representative D. N. Holt, Jr., you have requested that this office advise you as to whether a conflict of interest would exist if the principal of a Charleston County school were appointed to serve on a parks and playground commission. The Commission utilizes school facilities for a number of its activities.

This appointment apparently would not affect the financial interests of the principal so as to require observation of the Ethics Act provisions for such situations. [Section 8-13-460, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976; 1977 Ops.Atty.Gen. No. 77-15, p. 26. The differing public interests that might be involved in commission decisions regarding use of school facilities do not appear to be addressed by the Ethics laws so as to restrict the principal's service on the commission or participation in its decisions; however, the person involved could request an advisory opinion of the State Ethics Commission as to these matters and be guided by that information. The nature of these positions does not appear to put them in such inherent conflict as to make holding both positions inadvisable. See, C.J.S. Officers § 27.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

J. Emory Smith, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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