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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Mr. McLeod has referred your recent letter to me. You have stated that your wife is a teacher and you are considering running for the county school board. You have inquired if there could be any conflict of interest if you should obtain a seat on the school board.

It is possible that your being a member of the school board could constitute some foreseeable problems. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 59-69-260 states in part that [i]t shall be unlawful for any . . . member of a county board of education or school trustee to . . . be in any way interested in any teachers pay certificate . . . or for any school trustee to make any contract or be pecuniarily interested, directly, in any contract with any school district of which he is a trustee . . .

Additionally, certain statutes in the ethics law would mandate that before taking action on any decision which would affect your personal financial interest or of those of a member of your household you must disclose this information in writing. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 8-13-460. See also Section 8-13-410.

As this Office cannot advise private citizens, it may be advisable for you to contact the school board attorney or your county attorney for further information.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth
Assistant Attorney General

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