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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina April 9, 1975

*1 Re: No. 269—Schools

Honorable Allen R. Carter South Carolina State Senate State House Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Senator Carter:

A question has arisen as to whether the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees 'has fiscal independence from any other local government entity;' if so, that board will fall within Governance Plan No. 3 of the proposed statute which provides for alternative forms of school district organization.

By Act No. 139 of 1967 [see, 56 STAT. at 131 (1967)], as amended by Section 11 of Act No. 1602 of 1972 [see, 57 STAT. at 3134 (1972)], the Board of Trustees of the Charleston School District possesses the power to prepare its own budget and impose an annual tax levy, not to exceed ninety mills, upon all taxable property in the district; it has, therefore, in our opinion, 'fiscal independence from any other local government entity.'

Best wishes,

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.

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