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Dear Mr. Gressette:

Attorney General McLeod referred your request to me for an opinion on the selection of school trustees from the consolidated school district in Calhoun County. In my experience with the Voting Rights Act, the election of trustees at large from the county creates less legal problems since this matter of selection avoids both the question of one-man-one-vote and the question of dilution of minority votes by precinct or specified area boundaries. This is not to say, however, that the Department of Justice would object to such electoral units, provided these units meet the one-man-one-vote test and have no diluting effect on minority votes. (A check with your Board of Registration in Calhoun County and the Resource and Statistical Services Division here in Columbia at 758-2586, might give some indication as to whether or not such units would be feasible in your situation.)

Please contact me if I can provide any further assistance.

Very truly yours,

Hardwick Stuart, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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