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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Use of photographs of students.**

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Deputy Director for Administrative Services
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Columbia, SC 29230

Dear Mr. Heal:

I was under the impression, that your request with reference to the use of photographs of students presently on the Department of Youth Services Campuses had been answered by telephone, and since it apparently has not I apologize for the delay in forwarding you this letter.

In those instances where students have designated legal guardians, or parents, the parents release would be sufficient to utilize the child's photograph in a selective presentation. A more practical method, might be to utilize only back shots, or blocked-out shots which preclude identification of the students.

I would urge that any communication such as this be screened carefully by the Department, and no unsavory shot should be allowed to be released.

This is an area in which the state of the law, is not well defined, and a great deal of practical judgment must necessarily be utilized.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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