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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. J. D. O'Quinn
Secretary and Executive Officer
Jasper County Board of Education
Ridgeland, South Carolina

Dear Mr. O'Quinn:

Thank you for your letter of February 21 inquiring as to whether or not there will be any dual officeholding or conflict of interest in a school teacher or school principal serving in an elective office such as County Council or the Board of Education.

I do not believe that the dual officeholding provision is applicable, in that a school teacher or principal is not considered an officer within the meaning of that provision. If, however, a teacher or principal should serve as a member of the County Board of Education, a dual relationship of master and servant may exist. This is against the public policy of this State. With respect to membership upon the County Council, it is probable that no such relationship will exist unless it is shown that the County Council has some supervisory relationship to the school teacher or to the school principal.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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