

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Ronnie A. Sabb Member South Carolina Senate Post Office Box 88 Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

Dear Senator Sabb:

applicability of South Carolina Title 30, South Carolina Title 59 and any other laws related to the setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County School District Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County Board of Education (Board of Education) during a setting taken by Berkeley-County		eived your letter oility of South Car					_	
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a meeting where they voted to defund a public elementary school." You provided the following information with your letter:

- 1. The Board of Education met for a prior public noticed meeting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading concerning their annual budget.
- 2. During this meeting, a member of the Board of Education made a motion to amend the budget to defund a school and merge it into another school. This motion was discussed and subsequently passed by a majority of the board members

## Law/Anal sis

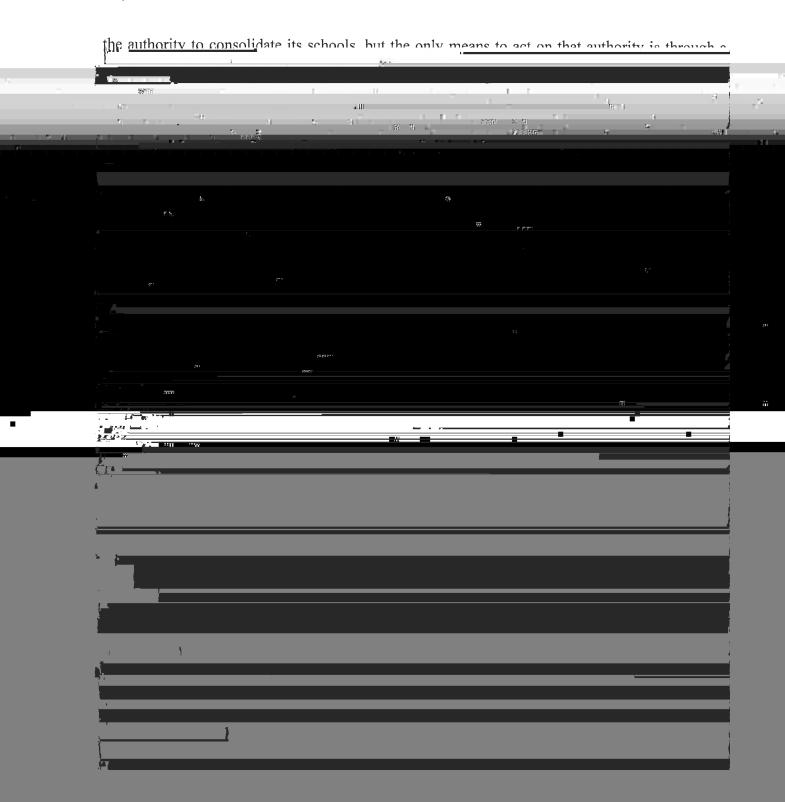
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opined on the necessity that an agenda provide adequate public notice as follows:

[The S.C. FOIA] must be read broadly or liberally, and exceptions thereto narrowly, so that "public business is performed in an open and public manner" and the public is properly informed of government



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## Conclusion

State law gives the Board of Education authority to close and consolidate schools. Based on the



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