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Dr. Billy Cannaday, Jr. Superintendent of Public Instruction Department of Education Monroe Building 101 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, VA 23219

## Re: Regulations Governing Jointly Owned and Operated Schools and Jointly Operated Programs (8 VAC 20-80-10 et seq.)

Dear Dr. Cannaday:

You ask whether the Board of Education possesses the requisite authority to amend the above-referenced regulations.

Section 22.1-16 vests the Board of Education with the authority to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of Title 22.1. In addition, § 22.1-26 gives the Board specific authority over such schools, including the authority to regulate them. Accordingly, it is my view that the Board possesses the requisite authority to amend the above-referenced regulations.

The foregoing represents my personal view and is not an official opinion of the Attorney General. If you require additional assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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