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The Honorable Dan Morales  
Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building

Dear General Morales;

I am writing to request your assistance in clarifying certain language in the Texas Education Code as enacted as the result of S.B. 1. Specifically, I refer to Section 13.352, Subsection (d) of the Texas Education Code which says each principal shall approve all teachers and staff appointments for that principal's campus from a pool of applicants selected by the district or of applicants who meet the hiring requirements established by the district based on criteria developed by the principal after informal consultation with the faculty.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among school districts as to what this language means. Some districts believe it to mean the principal must approve only newly hired teachers and that the law does not give the principal authority to reject (1) teachers who are transferred to his/her campus by the school district administration or (2) teachers whom the district approves for voluntary transfer to his/her campus. Also, does the law encompass assignment of all campus staff (including such positions as librarian, counselor, nurse, custodian) or is it limited to instructional staff? If principals are to be held accountable for the achievement of students on their campuses, many feel they should have full control over who is assigned to those campuses.

Thank you, very much, for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to your response so that I may assist those who have contacted my office concerning this unclear language. If I can provide additional information to you, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Very Truly,

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