## LEGAL COUNSEL TO SCHOOL BOARD

The Albemarle County School Board's Legal Counsel shall serve as the regular attorney for the School Board and shall report to the Board. The School Board shall utilize as its regular counsel the legal services of the Albemarle County Attorney's Office. The County Attorney or designee shall serve as the School Board's primary legal counsel. The School Board may is also authorized to employ other legal counsel on an as-needed basis; in such cases, the Board's Legal Counsel County Attorney's Office shall be advised that the Board has retained other legal counsel.

The School Board's legal counsel will attend meetings of the Board and its committees upon request and will make counsel available to Board members, the Superintendent, and other school personnel as needed.

The School Board's legal counsel will serve as a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

The School Board's legal counsel will consult with the Albemarle County Attorney's Office when necessary, particularly with regard to matters of commonality in policy between the School Division and Local Government.

In the event the County Attorney's Office is unable to provide legal advice to and representation of the School Board in a particular matter because of a conflict between the School Board and Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, the School Board will not unreasonably withhold consent to the continued representation of the Board of Supervisors by the County Attorney's Office in that particular matter. The School Board may retain its own private legal counsel when the County Attorney's Office advises the Board of Supervisors in the event of a conflict between the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

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