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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** All Members, Beaufort County Council

**FROM:** Kenneth L. Childs  
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**DATE:** July 18, 2007

**RE:** Background Information  
Doe Settlement

At the request of Board Chair Fred Washington, we are providing the attached background information to all members of the Beaufort County Council.

The settlement order in this case provides:

All parties must be on notice that this case involves minors, the record in this case is under seal of Court, and no party shall take any action to publicize any aspect of these proceedings, which may impair or damage the rights of these minors and/or their families without proper prior leave of Court. This requirement of confidentiality does not apply to any communications provided in any anticipated future probation and/or parole proceedings involving Philip Underwood-Sheppard.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A. Victor Rawl  
Special Circuit Court Judge

Moreover, it goes without saying that this is an extremely sensitive and emotional issue with all of the families involved. Accordingly, we have repeatedly advised the Beaufort County Board of Education members to be very careful with respect to any public statements concerning this case.

Thank you for your consideration of these materials.

Attachment