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Re: Whether an individual who currently serves as a trustee on the school board of the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District may also serve simultaneously as the Hays County Clerk.

Dear General Abbott:

The purpose of this letter is to request an opinion on whether an individual currently holding the office of trustee for the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, located in Hays County, may also serve simultaneously as the Hays County Clerk.

A trustee on the school board of the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District is a candidate in the general election in November as Hays County Clerk. If elected, her term as County Clerk would begin on January 1, 2007. Her term on the school board ends in May 2008. It is unclear whether she may continue to serve on the school board if she is elected Hays County Clerk.

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I respectfully request an opinion on the foregoing issue. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wentworth

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