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Re: HF # 6E, 2004/05 – Brookings School Custodians v. AFSCME Local 1953

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as the Department's ruling on AFSCME's Motion to Dismiss. The Motion must be granted and the decertification petition dismissed. The contract between AFSCME and Brookings School District is effective until June 30, 2006, and the representation of the bargaining unit may not be considered any earlier than March 31, 2006. This final decision of the Department may be appealed to Circuit Court pursuant to the procedures in SDCL chapter 1-26.

Sincerely,

James E. Marsh
Director