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Re: Superintendent screening committees

Dear Ms. Brown:

Although this letter is not a formal opinion of this office, we hope the views expressed will be of some assistance. You have asked whether KRS 160.352(3)'s reference to "teachers" and "principals," in the context of electing the members of a screening committee for a school superintendent, applies to all persons who are certified to be teachers or principals, or only to those who hold a teaching or principal position at the time. The specific situation is that persons employed as school administrators, who are also certified to be teachers, have sometimes served on these screening committees as "teacher" representatives and have also voted as "teachers" in such elections.

The terms "teacher" and "principal" are not specifically defined for purposes of KRS 160.352. This statute was originally enacted in 1990 as part of the Kentucky Education Reform Act ("KERA"). "[I]nterrelated sections ... enacted as parts of a single integrated statute ... must be construed in harmony with each other." *Daviess Co. v. Snyder*, 556 S.W.2d 688, 691 (Ky. 1977). In this case, however, there are no fewer than five separate definitions of "teacher" used in different parts of KERA, most of which are inconsistent with each other, and none of which is applicable to the section in question.

Since there is no specific definition for "teacher" or "principal" that applies to KRS 160.352, we are compelled by KRS 446.080(4) to resort to the com-



