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MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Jordan Riak, Executive Director
PTAVE
Alamo, CA 94507-7033

Dear Mr. Riak,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding corporal punishment. I am responding on behalf of Governor Easley.

We appreciate your sharing this information with our office. Ms. Dean did, in fact, contact our office regarding her concerns with corporal punishment policies in McDowell County. She was advised to work with the McDowell County Superintendent as well as the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Safety and Climate Section. They can be reached at 919.807.3957. At this juncture, Ms. Dean should have received information regarding school policies on corporal punishment and had her specific issues addressed.

If you need additional information, please review North Carolina G.S. 115C-391. This section of public school law addresses corporal punishment, suspension, or expulsion of pupils. You may also wish to contact Representative Mitch Gillespie at mitchg@ncleg.net and Senator Joe Sam Queen at joeq@ncleg.net. They represent the citizens of McDowell County in the North Carolina Legislature.

Thank you again for contacting us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann M. McArthur".

Ann M. McArthur
Education Advisor to Governor Easley

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