



**OPINION NO.**  
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**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**  
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At the March 12, 1996 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is in response to your questions: *Is the School of the Osage R-II School District allowed to use their postage permit to mail a brochure to their constituents promoting the passage of a bond issue or levy increase?*

In response to this question, The Commission stated the answer is no. A school district is not allowed to use public funds to promote the passage of a tax issue.

*Can the School of the Osage Public Building Corporation serve as a committee who will be responsible for paying the bills for printing, postage and other miscellaneous expenses of an upcoming bond election?*

If the School of the Osage Public Building Corporation wishes to serve as a committee, they must follow the laws of the State of Missouri by establishing a campaign committee, including a separate bank account, reporting contributions and expenditures and all other aspects of the campaign finance disclosure law as set out in Chapter 130 RSMo.

If you have any further questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Secretary

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