

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of February 10, 1999

January 28, 1999

Office of School Board Attorney  
Phyllis O. Douglas, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: JACQUELINE HAZEL v. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA and WILLIAM E. CLARKE, III, Case No. 97-689-CIV-MOORE**

This lawsuit was filed in March, 1997, and tried during November, 1998. The jury returned verdicts against the School Board and William E. Clarke, III, in the amounts of \$300,000 and \$200,000, respectively. The attorney for the Plaintiff has now submitted her motion for attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$401,042.06.

Post-trial negotiations have resulted in a settlement proposal as set forth below.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize settlement in the case of Jacqueline Hazel v. The School Board of Dade County, Florida and William E. Clarke, III, Case No. 97-689-Civ-Moore, including all costs and attorneys' fees of the Plaintiff for a total amount of \$635,730.90.

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