

February 24, 1999

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Chair

**SUBJECT: SELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY OR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A PROCESS BY WHICH TO SELECT A SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY**

School Board Rule 6Gx13-8A-1.05, Counsel For The Board, grants authority to the Board to employ an attorney as its legal counsel. The Board rule is silent as to the process to be employed for the selection, or the process to select legal counsel.

At the School Board meeting of April 15, 1998, the School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida authorized an extension of the contract of Ms. Phyllis O. Douglas as School Board Attorney for the 1998-99 fiscal year. Her contract to that position expires June 30, 1999, at which time she will retire. At the time the Board extended Ms. Douglas' contract, the Board item indicated that in early 1999, a Board item would be presented to allow time to select, or establish a process for selecting a new School Board Attorney and to provide time for an adequate transition period.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, select, or establish a process for selecting a School Board Attorney.