Office of School Board Attorney Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO BLANCA M. VALLE IN THE

CASE OF <u>YVONNE WEINSTEIN v. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY</u>, <u>FLORIDA AND BLANCA VALLE</u>, USDC Case No. 99-

2804-CIV-GRAHAM

The above styled lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, Miami Division, and service is being attempted upon Blanca Valle, principal, Miami Heights Elementary and on the School Board. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants discriminated against Plaintiff on the basis of age and disability.

We do not believe that the lawsuit has merit and are requesting that the School Board, pursuant to the authority vested in it under § 230.234, Florida Statutes (1997), authorize a legal defense for Ms. Valle.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to provide for the defense of Ms Blanca Valle in the Case of <u>Yvonne Weinstein v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Blanca Valle, USDC Case No.</u>

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