

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 21, 2000

June 8, 2000

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: RETENTION OF THE LAW OFFICES OF JOHN R. W. PARSONS, P.A.
TO HANDLE ASSIGNED LIABILITY DEFENSE CASES IN LITIGATION**

John Parsons, Esquire, a shareholder in the law firm of Peters, Robertson, Parsons, Mowers & Passaro, P.A., one of the defense liability firms handling litigation in the area of personal injury and other tort actions for the School Board, has announced that the firm will cease to practice law on June 30, 2000.

Mr. Parsons has established the Law Offices of John R.W. Parsons, P.A., and will continue to handle litigation in the area of personal injury and other civil litigation. Mr. Parsons was with the Peters firm for more than 20 years, working extensively on School Board cases in a broad variety of areas involving premises liability, negligence and other tort actions, as well as employment discrimination and civil rights claims. Currently, he has 22 active School Board cases in various stages of litigation. He has achieved excellent results for the Board, and I firmly believe that the Board's interests will be well served in continuing to retain his services. Mr. Parsons' resumé will be provided to Board members under separate cover.

To ensure continuity in defending assigned liability defense cases in litigation that are being handled by Mr. Parsons, and to handle other assigned litigation, it is recommended that the School Board retain the Law Offices of John R.W. Parsons, P.A.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida retain the Law Offices of John R.W. Parsons, P.A. to handle tort actions and other litigation as assigned by and subject to the supervision of the Board Attorney, for fees to be billed at the rate of \$90 per hour and with reimbursement of costs advanced.

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