

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of October 11, 2000

September 28, 2000

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL DEFENSE FOR STEVE GALLON, III, AND WILLIAME. CLARKE, III, IN THE CASE OF JULIAN ANTONIO ARUCAS v. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 00-2558-CIV-SEITZ

The above styled lawsuit was filed in the United States Court, Southern District of Florida, Miami Division, and service has been perfected upon Steve Gallon, III, principal, Miami Northwestern Senior High School, and William E. Clarke, III, former principal, Miami Northwestern Senior High School. It is anticipated the School Board will be served within 10 days. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants discriminated against Plaintiff on the basis of race and national origin, and retaliated against him.

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 (1999), authorize a legal defense for Mr. Gallon and Mr. Clarke.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to provide for the legal defense of Steve Gallon, III, and William E. Clarke, III, in the case of Julian Antonio Arucas v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, U.S.D.C. Case No. 00-2558-CIV-SEITZ.

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