

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of February 14, 2001

January 29, 2001

Office of School Board Attorney  
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH OUTSIDE FIRM FOR SPECIFIC  
EMINENT DOMAIN MATTERS**

In 1996, the School Board entered into a contract with the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office to represent the School Board in Eminent Domain cases. This contract provided that inasmuch as it is possible that the County Attorney's Office may, at times, be carrying a caseload of County work which is too heavy to permit it to take on additional work, the School Board would have the ability to obtain another eminent domain firm for those occasions. The County Attorney's Office has advised that its current caseload is too heavy to permit taking on additional work. Therefore, the School Board needs to retain another eminent domain firm to pursue the acquisition of property for State School "JJJ" and other acquisitions.

The Board Attorney is in the process of interviewing firms. A complete agenda item recommending an outside firm will be presented to the Board prior to the Board meeting of February 14, 2001.