

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of August 22, 2001

August 17, 2001

Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Henry C. Fraind

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE HOURLY RATE OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF GREENBERG TRAUIG FROM JULY 1, 2001 TO JUNE 30, 2002

The Board, at its July 11, 2001 meeting, approved Agenda Item H-2 which confirmed the Superintendent's extension of the contract with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

The recommendation regarding the extension (2001-2002) of the Greenberg Traurig contract stipulated that compensation not exceed \$75,000 at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour. Staff has subsequently learned that Greenberg Traurig's minimum hourly rate for providing legal services to the Board is \$225.00 per hour. This rate is less than the hourly rate normally charged by the firm and reflects the firm's desire to retain Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a client.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize an increase in the hourly rate of the contract with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, to represent the Board's interests in arbitration and unfair labor practice proceedings, and in such other cases as may be assigned by the Administrative Director of Labor Relations, with compensation not to exceed \$75,000 at an hourly rate of \$225 per hour.

HCF:jmg

Replacement
H-1