

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of October 24, 2001

October 10, 2001

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO DR. JEANNE FRIEDMAN IN
THE CASE OF MARIA C. CRUZ v. JEANNE FRIEDMAN, Circuit Court
Case No. 01-21571-CA 32**

The above styled lawsuit was filed in the State Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida and served on September 13, 2001 on Dr. Jeanne Friedman, the Principal at Miami Beach Senior High School. The lawsuit alleges that Defendant, among other things, made defamatory remarks about the Plaintiff, a former teacher at the school, and thereby damaged her reputation.

The acts alleged in the Complaint to have been committed by Defendant arose out of and in the course of the performance of Dr. Friedman's assigned duties and responsibilities as a school principal. Pursuant to the authority vested in it under § 230.234, Fla. Stat. (2000), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for Dr. Friedman.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to provide for the defense of Dr. Jeanne Friedman in the case of Maria C. Cruz v. Jeanne Friedman, Circuit Court Case No. 01-21571-CA 32.

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