

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF GREENBERG TRAUIG FROM JUNE 30, 2002 TO DECEMBER 30, 2002

Since July 2001, the District has utilized the law firm of Greenberg and Traurig to represent the School Board in selected labor law litigation. During this period, Greenberg Traurig has represented the Board on significant labor litigation issues. Two cases continue to have long term implications for the District's relationship with its employees. One of these cases, Dade County School Administrators' Association v. School Board of Miami-Dade County, has been docketed for hearing by the District Court of Appeals, First District in Tallahassee, Florida. This extension will allow Greenberg Traurig to proceed with preparation for this upcoming trial.

Though plans are underway for transitioning from contract legal services to in-house staff capability, the services of Greenberg Traurig are necessary to bring closure to the referenced litigation.

Therefore, the Superintendent is recommending that the Board extend its contract with Greenberg Traurig from June 30, 2002 through December 30, 2002, with compensation not to exceed \$50,000 at an hourly rate of \$225 per hour.

RECOMMEND: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida extend its contract with Greenberg Traurig from June 30, 2002 through December 30, 2002, with compensation not to exceed \$50,000 at an hourly rate of \$225 per hour.

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