

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF COLODNY, FASS, TALENFELD, KARLINSKY & ABATE, P.A. TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR SITUATIONS ARISING REGARDING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

At the Board meeting of June 19, 2002, the Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into negotiations with the law firm of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A., to effectuate a contract to provide the Board legal services, specific to employee benefit law in relation to its health insurance renewal for calendar year 2003.

The Board Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Office of Risk and Benefits Management, is presently finalizing terms for the contract, including the fee structure.

A final agenda item, including recommendations for final contract terms, will be provided to the Board no later than July 5, 2002.

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