

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE COST OF SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM OF LEIBOWITZ AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD IN ALL LEGAL MATTERS BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

On November 20, 2002, the Board entered into an agreement with the law firm of Leibowitz and Associates, P.A. to represent the Board in all legal matters related to and before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Board authorized payment of these services not to exceed a total of \$50,000 annually without additional approval by the Board. Due to an increase in the services needed, the cost is estimated by WLRN at \$100,000 per year.

Appropriations for these services are included in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 General Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9606, Program 7010, Function 6240.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize an increase in the payment to Leibowitz and Associates, P.A. for legal services related to matters before the Federal Communications Commission, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$100,000 annually payable at the rates approved by the Board on November 20, 2002.

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