

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of August 18, 2004

August 10, 2004

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF DEBORAH S. VERLEY, ESQUIRE, AS ASSISTANT BOARD ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

At this time, we are requesting authorization to hire an attorney to fill the position that was vacated by Mr. Joel Bello, who resigned in June, 2004 from his position as Assistant School Board Attorney. Mr. Bello had been handling a variety of cases, including administrative, charter school and exceptional student education cases.

The Board Attorney recommends the employment of Deborah S. Verley. Ms. Verley graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1996. She is a civil litigator with six years of experience in South Florida in the areas of real estate, contracts, bid protests, procurement and employment law.

Ms. Verley is recommended for employment, effective August 19, 2004 for the period through June 30, 2005, at an annual salary of \$80,000.00.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve and authorize the execution of an employment agreement with Deborah S. Verley as Assistant Board Attorney for the period August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005, at an annual salary of \$80,000.00.

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