

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE DESIGN CRITERIA PROFESSIONAL (DCP) SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SANTOS/RAIMUNDEZ ARCHITECTS, P.A., FOR THE ADDITION PROJECTS AT MIAMI KILLIAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. A0855, AND SOUTHWEST MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. A0854

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

On October 22, 2003, the Board commissioned the firm of Santos/Raimundez Architects, P.A. (Santos/Raimundez) to provide Design Criteria Professional (DCP) services for the Addition Projects at Miami Killian Senior High School and Southwest Miami Senior High School. As part of the agreement, Santos/Raimundez was required to carry a \$1.0 million project-specific Professional Liability Insurance policy for each project (the total cost of which would ultimately be reimbursed by the District).

Given the significant increases in professional liability insurance rates, the current estimated cost of the project-specific premium for both policies is approximately \$139,600. As a result, Santos/Raimundez has requested that the District consider the possibility of allowing them to utilize their general practice professional liability policy for these projects, at no cost to the District, instead of the project specific coverage required under their agreement. Upon review of the request from Santos/Raimundez, the Office of Risk and Benefits Management is recommending approval of the conversion from a project-specific requirement to the use of their general practice policy for both projects.

The general practice professional liability coverage to be carried by Santos/Raimundez shall be a minimum of \$1.0 million, with a maximum deductible of \$25,000.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize an amendment to the Design Criteria Professional (DCP) services agreement with Santos/Raimundez Architects, P.A., for the Addition Projects at Miami Killian Senior High School – Project No. A0855, and Southwest Miami Senior High School – Project No. A0854, as follows:

- 1) convert the requisite professional liability insurance coverage for both projects, from project-specific to a general practice policy of no less than \$1.0 million, with a maximum deductible of \$25,000, at no cost to the Board; and,
- 2) all other existing terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain in full force.