

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of April 13, 2005

March 30, 2005

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO JANICE B. REINEKE IN THE
CASE OF Ralph O. Irwin v. Janice Reineke, County Court Case No. 04-8715
SP 26 (04)**

The above styled lawsuit was filed in the County Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida and served on February 7, 2005, on Janice Reineke, the former Principal at Homestead Middle School. On March 23, 2005, Ms. Reineke submitted her suit papers to the School Board Attorney's Office with the request that the School Board provide her with legal counsel in this case. The lawsuit asserts claims for, among other things, interference with a contractual relationship and conversion.

Although Ms. Reineke is no longer employed by the School Board by virtue of her retirement, the acts alleged in the Statement of Claim to have been committed by Defendant arose out of and in the course of the performance of Ms. Reineke's assigned duties and responsibilities as a school principal. Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13-1C-1.02 and the authority under § 1012.26, Fla. Stat. (2004), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for Ms. Reineke.

In the interim and prior to the Board meeting, our office will be filing the necessary papers in County court to protect Ms. Reineke's legal interests.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to provide for the defense of Ms. Janice Reineke in the case of Ralph O. Irwin v. Janice Reineke, County Court Case No. 04-8715 SP 26 (04).

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