

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATE GREENBERG TRAURIG AS SOLE LEGAL COUNSEL
 FOR IMPACT FEE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES
 2005**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The firm appointed to act as co-counsel on the Board's debt issues, Edwards & Carstarphen, is no longer in existence as its principals have separated.

Of this firm's two attorneys, Debbie Edwards, who is a member of the Florida Bar Association, has declined to participate as co-counsel. M.L. Carstarphen, who is not a member of the Florida Bar Association, is not eligible to participate as bond co-counsel.

It is requested that the current co-counsel, Greenberg Traurig, be authorized by the Board to complete the work on the up to \$65,000,000 Certificates of Participation (COP's), Series 2005, Impact Fees. The short schedule under which the COP's Series 2005, Impact Fees will be issued by June 30, 2005 does not allow sufficient time to conduct a selection of co-counsel at this time.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize Greenberg Traurig to act as sole counsel on the \$65,000,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, Impact Fees.