

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST M.A.P. CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES, INC., GILI-MCGRAW ARCHITECTS, L.L.P. AND SPILLIS CANDELA DMJM FOR CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN AND INSPECTION DEFECTS ON THE SOUTHWEST MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT, A0433.

M.A.P. Construction Enterprises, Inc. was the contractor, Gili-McGraw Architects, L.L.P. was the architect and Spillis Candela DMJM had the responsibility for plan reviews and construction inspections for building code compliance on the Southwest Miami Senior High School Project, A0433. By this legal action, the District will be seeking to recover as much as \$72,000.00 in costs incurred as a result of a soffit collapse in the media center of the school.

Prior attempts to amicably resolve this matter have been unsuccessful in obtaining meaningful offers from the parties involved in this case. For this reason, in order to ensure that the District has an opportunity to attempt to recover its repair and replacement costs associated with this incident, the Board will need to file a lawsuit prior to the October 2007 statute of limitations deadline. Attorneys from the School Board Attorney's Office will represent the Board in this case.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the filing of a lawsuit against M.A.P. Construction Enterprises, Inc., Gili-McGraw Architects, L.L.P., and Spillis Candela DMJM, for Construction, Design and Inspection Defects on the Southwest Miami Senior High School Project, A0433.

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