

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of July 14, 2010

June 30, 2010

Office of School Board Attorney
Walter J. Harvey, Board Attorney

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT AND APPROVE THE REVISED JOB TITLE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY, WORKERS COMPENSATION/LITIGATION

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The School Board Attorney requests that the School Board authorize the Board Attorney to enter into a contractual agreement for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney, Workers Compensation/Litigation. This position is being re-opened and re-titled to provide legal advice and to represent the School Board in the areas of workers compensation and other litigation matters, and will be funded by the Risk Management Division. The attorney retained for this position will work closely with Risk Management to provide all pertinent legal support, and any training necessary for risk avoidance. The contract and job description will be provided to the Board under separate cover.

The position is projected to provide for a significant overall savings to the Board in that it should reduce overall legal costs and help facilitate settlements, and speedy resolution of legal disputes. All applicants will be interviewed by the School Board Attorney, an attorney, an Assistant County attorney, the Risk and Benefits Officer, and staff from Risk Management.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Board Attorney to enter into a contractual agreement and revise the job title for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney, Workers Compensation/Litigation.

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