

Walter J. Harvey, School Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL**

**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 contract with Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. to represent the School Board in the case styled: *Rafael Cruz Peinado, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Juan Carlos Rivera v. The Miami-Dade County School Board*, Case No. 10-25414 CA 21. The firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., will be compensated at the rate of \$190 per hour for partners, \$155 per hour for associates, and \$90 per hour for paralegals.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Board Attorney to enter into a contract with Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., to represent The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida in the case styled: *Rafael Cruz Peinado, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Juan Carlos Rivera v. The Miami-Dade County School Board*, Case No. 10-25414 CA 21. The firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., will be compensated at the rate of \$190 per hour for partners, \$155 per hour for associates, and \$90 per hour for paralegals.