

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY- PERSONNEL/LABOR**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

At its meeting of October 14, 2009, The School Board approved Agenda Item G-1, which provided for the restructuring of the School Board Attorney's Office ("SBAO"). Agenda Item G-1 also indicated that when certain attorney positions become vacant, the positions would be advertised and qualified candidates would be presented for the Board's approval.

One SBAO attorney recently resigned from her fulltime position. Upon notification of the resignation, qualified candidates were interviewed by SBAO attorneys. Having completed this screening process, we are now requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Christopher J. La Piano, Esq., to fill this Assistant School Board Attorney vacancy. The proposed contract and job description are attached. Mr. La Piano is a former employee of the school district. Mr. La Piano's resume and references will be forwarded under separate cover.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the employment contracts for Christopher J. La Piano, Esq., for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney Personnel/Labor 2/8203.