

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of July 14, 1999

July 13, 1999

Office of School Board Attorney  
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO ALBA ALLISON IN THE CASE OF LILLIAN D. BERTOT V. ALBA ALLISON, Circuit Court Case No. 99-14688 CA 09**

The above styled lawsuit was filed in the State Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida and served on July 8, 1999 on Alba Allison, Foreign Language Chairperson at Miami Jackson Senior High School. The lawsuit alleges that Defendant made defamatory remarks about Plaintiff, a former co-worker, and thus impeded Plaintiff's attempts to gain employment with the School Board.

We do not believe that the lawsuit has merit and are requesting that the School Board, pursuant to the authority vested in it under § 230.234, Florida Statutes (1997), authorize a legal defense for Ms. Allison.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda because a response to the Complaint is required prior to the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to provide for the defense of Alba Allison in the case of Lillian D. Bertot v. Alba Allison, Circuit Court Case No. 99-4688 CA 09

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