

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AKERMAN SENTERFITT TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN LABOR RELATIONS**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Authorization is requested to renew the agreement with Akerman Senterfitt to provide outside counsel to assist with the work programs of the Office of Labor Relations.

At the School Board Meeting of June 16, 2004, (Agenda Item H-13), approval was given to renew the agreement with Akerman Senterfitt, to provide specialized legal services in the area of labor law.

In order to continue to provide valuable specialized legal services in the area of labor law, authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Akerman Senterfitt with compensation not to exceed \$30,000 at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour.

The appropriation for this agreement is included in the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget, under Fund 0100, Program 7921, Location 9022, Object 5310, Function 7730.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter into an agreement with the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, to provide specialized legal services in the area of labor law, with compensation not to exceed \$30,000, at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005.

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