

Office of School Board Attorney  
Luis M. Garcia, Interim School Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

As a result of a Request For Information (“RFI”) issued by the District, at the School Board meeting of July 11, 2007, the School Board Attorney submitted Agenda Item G-6, which presented a slate of selected law firms (identified through the RFI process) that the Board Attorney would contract with--on behalf of the Board--for legal services in specialized fields of practice. At the July 11, 2007 meeting, the Board approved Agenda Item G-6 and authorized the Board Attorney to contract with the selected firms on an as-needed basis.

Mr. John R.W. Parsons, Esq., who has represented the Board for the past 27 years, has become a partner in the law firm of Litchfield Cavo, LLP, and is requesting continuity of his service to the Board with his new law firm. The School Board Attorney is presenting the following modification of the selected firms for the Board’s approval:

- **Conflict Counsel**

John R.W. Parsons, P.A.

The above listed firm is being replaced with the firm of Litchfield Cavo LLP.

**All other previously selected firms remain the same.**

- **General Automotive Liability, Professional Liability, Personal Injury Liability**

John R.W. Parsons, P.A.

The above-listed firm is being replaced with the firm of Litchfield Cavo LLP.

**All other previously selected firms remain the same.**

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted at the July 11, 2007 School Board meeting and in accordance with the RFI (numbers 061-GG10 and 081-GG10), further authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to contract on behalf of the Board for legal services with the law firm of Litchfield Cavo LLP, up to the maximum rates quoted in the RFI for the respective practice areas, and for John R.W. Parsons to continue representing the School Board's interests for the remainder of the original contract, with an additional two year contract extension subject to further Board approval.