Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of May 20, 2009

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.

Due to changes in personnel at the selected firms (which took place after the list of selected firms was presented to the Board), the School Board Attorney is presenting the following modification of the selected firms for the Board's approval:

Workers Compensation

Rigell, Ring, Ardman, Waterman & Wolf, P.A.

The above listed firm is being replaced with the firms of:

Rigell, Waterman & Wolf, P.A.

The Law Office of Michael J. Ring, LLC

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 Office of Michael J. Ring, LLC, and the law firm of Rigell, Waterman & Wolf, P.A., up to the maximum rates quoted in the RFI for the respective practice area, and 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.