

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LITIGATION
AGAINST WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION TO RECOVER FUNDS OWED TO THE
SCHOOL BOARD**

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

**LINK TO
STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

On October 11, 2009, the School Board entered into a contract with West Perrine Community Development Corporation to provide school bus transportation services for special events and various activities. Payment for these services was due on or around November 12, 2009; the amount due on the final invoice was \$4,032.00. Despite numerous attempts by District staff to collect the total debt, to date, the School Board has not yet received any payment from West Perrine Community Development Corporation.

To protect the Board's interest, the Board Attorney seeks authorization to take all the necessary legal action to collect any and all funds owed to the School Board, including interest, costs, and fees. Pursuant to §1001.41(4), the School Board is authorized to "contract, sue, and be sued." Accordingly, the School Board Attorney recommends that the Board authorize the initiation of any and all necessary legal actions to recover monies owed to the District under this contract with West Perrine Community Development Corporation.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Board Attorney or his designee to initiate any and all necessary legal action(s) to collect all funds owed to the School Board through its contract with West Perrine Community Development Corporation and to take any other appropriate action that may be deemed necessary to protect the Board's interest.