

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of April 13, 2011

April 4, 2011

Office of School Board Attorney
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL AND
REDISTRICTING EXPERT TO ASSIST WITH THE 2011
REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

Every ten years, legislative and local government district lines are redrawn to balance population for demographic changes revealed by the U.S. census. The School Board is required by the 1994 U.S. District Court Consent Decree to reapportion its nine Board member residence areas to achieve districts that are reflective of the population changes indicated by the 2010 Census figures. Accordingly, it is recommended that the School Board engage the services of legal counsel with expertise in assisting with the complexities of redistricting process. It is also recommended that the School Board contract with a redistricting expert to assist with database development, demography, and related mapping services. Details of this Agenda Item will be made available prior to the School Board meeting of April 13, 2011.