

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

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE CONTRACTS OF OUTSIDE
LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE BOARD**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

The School Board Attorney's office requests that the School Board authorize the Board Attorney to enter into a one year contract for services with the law firms of Tew Cardenas, LLP, and Wasserman & Thomas, P.A. Tew Cardenas, LLP is currently representing the Board in the area of Construction Law and Wasserman & Thomas, P.A. is currently representing the Board in the area of Tort Liability Law.

These new contracts will govern all cases/matters assigned to both law firms, and will be on an as needed basis, at the currently established rates for Construction and Tort Liability and in accordance with current Outside Counsel Guidelines.

RECOMMENDED: The School Board Attorney requests that the School Board authorize the Board Attorney to enter into one year contracts with Tew Cardenas, LLP and Wasserman & Thomas, P.A. Tew Cardenas, LLP will be compensated at the rate of \$295.00 per hour for partners/shareholders, \$225.00 per hour for associates, and \$100 per hour for paralegals. Wasserman & Thomas, P.A. will be compensated at the rate of \$140 per hour for partners, \$120 per hour for associates, and \$75 per hour for paralegals.