

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF PRE-EXISTING OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT - PETERSON & ESPINO, P.A.

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY AND STABILITY

At the School Board meeting of July 17, 2013, the School Board approved Agenda Item E-142, authorizing the School Board Attorney to contract with the law firms of Taylor Vega, P.A., and Peterson & Espino, P.A. to provide legal services to the School Board in construction-related matters.

On October 10, 2014, the School Board Attorney was notified that the firm of Peterson & Espino, P.A. was dissolving effective October 15, 2014, and that Alejandro Espino will thereafter join the firm formerly named Taylor Vega, P.A. The new firm will be named Taylor, Espino, Vega & Touron, P.A.

It is in the interest of the School Board to maintain continuity of service under both the Taylor Vega, P.A. and the Peterson & Espino, P.A. contracts. Accordingly, the School Board Attorney is requesting that both the existing Taylor Vega, P.A. and Peterson & Espino, P.A. contracts be assigned to Taylor, Espino, Vega & Touron, P.A. under the same terms, conditions, and fee arrangements as previously approved by the School Board.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted at the July 17, 2013 School Board meeting further authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to contract on behalf of the School Board for legal services with the with the Taylor, Espino, Vega & Touron, P.A. law firm at the discounted rates and under the same terms and conditions previously approved by the School Board.