

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of April 5, 2017

March 22, 2017

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

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE A LAWSUIT AGAINST
GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AND
AUTHORIZE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE
SCHOOL BOARD ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS**

The School Board Attorney requests the School Board's authorization to initiate a lawsuit against Great American Insurance Company for breach of contract for damages stemming from a construction contract entered into with Zurqui Construction Service, Inc. on May 11, 2011, for construction at Bob Graham Education Center, Project No. 00731700. Additionally, on a contingency basis, the School Board Attorney request that the litigation be handled by the law firm of Taylor, Espino Vega & Touron, P.A.

Details of this item and the proposed contingency agreement will be made available under separate cover prior to the Board meeting of April 5, 2017.

- RECOMMENDED:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the School Board Attorney to:
1. Initiate a lawsuit against Great American Insurance Company for breach of contract for damages stemming from a construction contract entered with Zurqui Construction Service, Inc. on May 11, 2011, for construction at Bob Graham Education Center, Project No. 00731700.
 2. Retain the law firm of Taylor, Espino, Vega & Touron, P.A. on a contingency basis and on a previously approved hourly rate of \$295 per hour for partners and \$75 per hour for paralegals.