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**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING  
MATTER: Milagros Rodriguez v. Griselda Stanfield, Case No. 3D19-  
0117**

At its meeting of January 16, 2019, the Board approved Agenda Item G-2 (Provision of Legal Representation for the Following Matter: Milagros Rodriguez v. Griselda Stanfield, Case No. 18-41945-CA-02). Accordingly, the School Board Attorney's Office currently provides legal representation in a separate circuit court case for the above-named Appellee, who is an Assistant Principal at Coral Park Elementary School. Due to the actions of the Plaintiff/Appellant, *pro se*, the Assistant Principal was compelled to and successfully obtained a restraining order against the Appellant. Subsequently, Plaintiff appealed the trial court's issuance of the restraining order to the Third District Court of Appeals. The issues involved in restraining order and in the appeal are interrelated to the matters addressed in the ongoing civil lawsuit.

In accordance with the District's established practice and policies, the individually named employee and Appellee has formally requested that the School Board also provide her with legal representation in the Appeal. The acts alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint and in the subsequent appeal of the restraining order arose out of and in the course of the performance of the assigned duties and responsibilities of the individually named employee.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6900, *Legal Services for Employees of the Board* and § 1012.26 Fla. Stat. (2018), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for the individually named Appellee in the above-captioned appeal. In the interim, the Board Attorney's office will be filing the necessary documents with the Court to protect the Appellee's legal interests.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the office of the School Board Attorney to provide or secure legal representation for the legal defense of the current School Board employee who is individually named as an appellee in the case of *Milagros Rodriguez vs. Griselda Stanfield*, Case No 3D19-0117.