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**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTER: Fredericka Duncombe, as Mother and Natural Guardian of A.M., a Minor v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Phillip Secada,  
Case No. 19-014186-CA 01**

On May 17, 2019, the lawsuit of *Fredericka Duncombe, as Mother and Natural Guardian of A.M., a minor v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Phillip Secada* were served on The School Board of Miami-Dade County and Phillip Secada, a teacher at North Dade Middle School. The complaint alleges that Defendant Secada's negligence resulted in the Plaintiff's injuries. In accordance with the District's established practice, the individually named Defendant has formally requested that the School Board provide him with legal representation. The acts alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint arose out of and in the course of the performance of 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. (201), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for the individually named Defendant in the above-captioned lawsuit. In the interim, the Board Attorney's office will be filing the necessary documents with the Court to protect the Defendant'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 a defendant in the case of *Fredericka Duncombe, as Mother and Natural Guardian of A.M., a minor v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Phillip Secada*, Case No 19-014186-CA 01.