

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of March 17, 2021

March 1, 2021

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE A LAWSUIT
 AGAINST MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT, INC., D/B/A
 EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS**

My Personal Assistant, Inc., d/b/a Education Field Trips (“EFT”) is an approved vendor (Bid No. ITB-18-032-CM) that has been providing travel services to our schools since November 20, 2019. Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of our school sites had made travel arrangements with EFT on behalf of their students and parents. This travel was subsequently cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the parents of the students have either not received a refund or have only received partial refunds.

Since that time, the School Board Attorney’s Office has been attempting to regain these funds through negotiation with EFT’s counsel but thus far these negotiations have been unsuccessful. As a result, The School Board Attorney requests the School Board’s authorization to initiate a lawsuit against EFT in an attempt to recover outstanding funds due to the parents through the school sites.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the School Board Attorney to: Initiate a lawsuit against My Personal Assistant, Inc., d/b/a Education Field Trips in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida for the reasons set forth in his item.

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