

Office of the General Counsel
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SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTER: Davion Dorvil v. Victoria Bourland, Gabriella Cerruto, The South Region School District, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, et al., Case No. 22-020695-CA 01

On November 7, 2022, the lawsuit in this matter was served on the District, Gabriella Cerruto, a Miami-Dade County Schools' police officer, and Victoria Bourland, the school principal at Olympia Heights Elementary. The *pro se* complaint, a one-page, hand-written document, which asserts that the Defendants' defamatory statements caused emotional distress to the plaintiff. In accordance with the District's established practice, the individually named Defendants have formally requested that the School Board provide them 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 employees.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6900, *Legal Services for Employees of the Board* and § 1012.26 Fla. Stat. (2022), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for the individually named Defendants in the above-captioned lawsuit. In the interim, the General Counsel'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 General Counsel to provide or secure legal representation for the legal defense of the current School Board employees who are individually named as defendants in the case known as *Davion Dorvil v. The South Region School District, Victoria Bourland, Gabriella Cerruto, Miami-Dade County Public Schools et al.*, Circuit Court Case No 22-020695-CA 01.