

Office of the General Counsel
Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF PRE-EXISTING OUTSIDE
COUNSEL CONTRACT - TAYLOR ESPINO VEGA**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

For over ten (10) years, Mr. Daniel Vega and Mr. Alex Espino, lawyers from the firm of Taylor Espino Vega, PLLC (“TEV”) have represented the Board in general construction claims and related litigation. The firm has also collaborated with in-house counsel for the Board on construction matters and litigation ensuing therefrom. This relationship has led to very favorable outcomes for the School Board and to substantial savings in attorney’s fees for the Board.

On December 7, 2022, the Office of General Counsel was notified that the TEV law firm was dissolving effective December 31, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, Daniel Vega will continue practicing law in his area of expertise at the law firm of Delgado Vega, PLLC, while Mr. Alex Espino will be joining Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli P.A., which will be known as VLP Copenhaver Espino.

Both Mr. Vega and Mr. Espino currently represent the Board in several construction related matters. It is in the interest of the School Board to maintain continuity of service with both Mr. Vega and Mr. Espino and their respective new firms under the same terms, conditions, and fee arrangements as previously approved by the School Board with TEV, their former law firm.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize its General Counsel to continue to retain the legal services of Mr. Daniel Vega, Esquire and Mr. Alex Espino, Esquire and to contract on behalf of the School Board for said legal services with Mr. Vega’s and Mr. Espino’s respective law firms: Delgado Vega, PLLC and VLP Copenhaver Espino; under the same terms, conditions, and fee arrangements as previously approved by the School Board with Taylor Espino Vega, PLLC, their former law firm.