



# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

**MEETING DATE** 2020-03-03 10:05 - School Board Operational Meeting

**AGENDA ITEM** ITEMS

**CATEGORY** HH. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

**DEPARTMENT** Office of the General Counsel

**Special Order Request**  
 Yes  No

**Time**

**Open Agenda**  
 Yes  No

**ITEM No.:**  
 HH-1.

**TITLE:**  
 Authorization for General Counsel to request Legal Opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Florida

**REQUESTED ACTION:**  
 Authorize the General Counsel to request a legal opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Florida on Section 1001.42 (12) (l), Florida Statutes.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:**

Section 1001.42 (12) (l), Florida Statutes, as amended in 2018, with an effective date July 1, 2019, requires The School Board of Broward County to hire an Internal Auditor as it receives annual federal, state, and local funds in excess of \$500 million. Among other amendments, Section 1001.42 (12) (l) 2, Florida Statutes, states that the internal auditor shall prepare audit reports of his or her findings and report directly to the district school board or its designee.

For several years prior to July 2019, the internal auditor has reported to the Superintendent, the School Board's designee. The School Board requests that the General Counsel present to the Attorney General of the State of Florida the question raised in the attached letter. The procedures of the Attorney General's Office require that any request for a legal opinion submitted by a public board be approved by a majority vote of the board's members.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:**  
 Goal 1: High Quality Instruction  Goal 2: Safe & Supportive Environment  Goal 3: Effective Communication

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**  
 There is no financial impact to the District for this item.

**EXHIBITS: (List)**  
 (1) Draft request for a Legal Opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Florida, dated February 28, 2020 (2) June 7, 2019 Legal Opinion from the General Counsel to the Broward County School Board regarding the reporting structure for the Chief Auditor (3) School Board Policy 1002.1 Office of the Chief Auditor

**BOARD ACTION:**  
  
 (For Official School Board Records Office Only)

**SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Senior Leader & Title

Barbara J. Myrick - General Counsel

Signature

Approved In Open Board Meeting On: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Board Chair