

**B-1250 BDG
SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

The Board recognizes the need for quality legal counsel in light of the increasing complexity of the statutes, regulations and policies under which the District operates.

Board attorneys are retained by the Board as counsel for the Board and District to provide legal service on any matter related to the operation of the District. The attorneys may be asked to provide legal advice, render legal opinions, prepare resolutions, review proposed Board or District actions, represent the Board in a court of law, or provide other legal service the Board or Superintendent may request on behalf of the District. In the event of any dispute between the Superintendent and the Board, it shall be clearly understood that the Board's attorney(s) shall represent the Board's interests.

The Board designates the Superintendent as the sole administrative access to the Board's attorney for legal information regarding the day to day operations of the District. The Superintendent may, on a needs basis, delegate the responsibility for contact with the attorneys to a member of the staff.

The President of the Board shall have access to the Board's attorneys and may request legal advice about school business. Such requests may be in writing, in person or by telephone. The advice received shall be shared with the Board and Superintendent as determined by legal counsel.

Requests for opinions requiring research or substantial amounts of work on the part of private counsel shall be in writing when practicable.

All advice received from the attorneys is privileged under the attorney-client privilege and all recipients of such advice and the written letters/memoranda thereof shall keep such advice strictly confidential.

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