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RE: Board member statutory duties outside the
School District

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As requested, I have reviewed Florida Statutes to update my previous memorandum of May 10, 2004 to determine those committees or boards on which the law requires a School Board member to serve. This list was compiled through a number of computer searches of Florida Statutes. It is, therefore, possible that one of you may be aware of another committee/board on which you serve. If you let me know of any such assignments, I will review the statutory origin of the assignment and confirm whether it is mandatory.

1. Children=s Services Council. Pursuant to Section 125.901(1), Florida Statutes, a County is authorized to create an independent special district to provide funding for children=s services throughout the County. If such a district is created, a School Board member is a member of the governing council. Section 125.901(1)(a) & (b), Florida Statutes.

2. Regional Planning Council. Pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, regional planning councils are created in each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the state. One of the representatives on each regional planning council must be a School Board member from the geographic area covered by the

regional planning council, nominated by the Florida School Board Association. Section 186.504(2)(c), Florida Statutes.

3. Value Adjustment Board. Pursuant to Section 194.015, Florida Statutes, one member of the School Board must serve on the Value Adjustment Board for the County.

4. In certain circumstances, a Metropolitan Planning Organization. Pursuant to Section 339.175(3)(d), Florida Statutes, if an M.P.O. is contained wholly within a charter county, the county commission may elect to serve as the M.P.O. In that case, the Governor must appoint four additional members, one of whom must be a School Board member. This does not currently apply in Sarasota County.

5. Public Safety Coordinating Council. Pursuant to Section 951.26, Florida Statute, in the event a consortium of two or more counties join together to create a public safety coordinating council, then one member of such a council shall be a School Board member within the geographic area of the consortium.

6. Juvenile Justice Council. Pursuant to Section 985.664, Florida Statutes, representatives of the school district, which may specifically include elected School Board members, must be part of the governing juvenile justice council in the county or circuit.

7. Florida High School Athletic Association. Pursuant to Section 1006.20(4)(a)5, Florida Statutes, two district School Board members from within the State are to be members of the FHSAA Board of Directors, one of whom shall be elected from the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative regions by the members in those regions.

8. State Instructional Materials Committees. Pursuant to Section 1006.29, Florida Statutes, each of the various instructional materials committees must have one district School Board member as a member.

In addition to these outside responsibilities, pursuant to Section 1001.372, Florida Statutes, the district school board shall hold not less than one regular meeting each month for the transaction of business according to a schedule arranged by the district school board Y @