

8.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WEITZ & LUXENBERG AND FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

A. SUBJECT

This item is included on the agenda so the Board of Education can consider approving a contract with Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. and Franks, Gherkin, Ponitz & Greeley, P.C. for District representation in a social media addiction class action lawsuit.

B. INFORMATION

The above mentioned Firms have agreed to represent District 200 in relation to social media litigation, specifically in a lawsuit or lawsuits against technology companies involved in the dissemination of harmful social media content intended to cultivate a young audience and addict them to social media for violation of state and federal law, including nuisance and unfair trade practices and consumer protection.

There is no upfront cost to the District. The Firms' representation of District 200 in the Lawsuit will be handled strictly on a contingent-fee basis. The District will pay to the Firms thirty-three and one-third (33.333) percent of the entire recovery from any settlement, verdict or recovery, after deduction of the costs and expenses.

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends approving a contract with Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. and Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley, P.C. to represent the District regarding a social media class action lawsuit.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve a contract with Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. and Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley, P.C. to represent the District regarding a social media class action lawsuit.