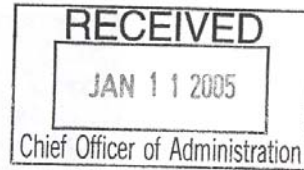


# EXHIBIT C



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** BOARD MEMBERS  
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**THROUGH:** JULIEANN RICO ALLISON, CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE SCHOOL BOARD *[Signature]*

**DATE:** JANUARY 6, 2005

**SUBJECT:** EMINENT DOMAIN TRIAL ON TRADEWINDS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY

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A three-day eminent domain valuation trial on the last two parcels for Tradewinds Middle School was concluded yesterday with a jury verdict of \$142,000 per acre. The owner claimed \$160,000 per acre plus over \$1.2 million in business damages. The jury verdict represented a better than a 50/50 split of the spread between the School Board's opinion of value of \$135,000 per acre and the owners' claim per acre. On the eve of trial, the Board's outside counsel, Elaine James successfully argued to Judge Diana Lewis that the owners' claim to business damages did not meet the statutory requirements and was therefore not a matter that the owners' attorney could present to the jury. Staff is very pleased with the outcome.

Congratulations are in order to Ms. James, who represented the School Board and did an outstanding job.

With the conclusion of this trial, all valuation issues have now been resolved with respect to the lands that were acquired for Tradewinds Middle.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

JARA:BRL:

cc: Joseph Sanches  
Barry Present