



## The School District of DeSoto County

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May 13, 2025

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Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Quick,

The School Board of DeSoto County is writing to respectfully inform you that as of June 30, 2025, the School Board of DeSoto County no longer requires Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole, and Bierman's services. With this letter, the School Board of DeSoto County provides the minimum notice specified in our agreement.

As noted in our agreement we request that upon termination of your representation, as well as payment of any pending invoices, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole, and Bierman provide the School Board of DeSoto County any and all records not yet in the Board's possession in both paper and/or an electronic format, as required by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. In accordance with our agreement, we also request that you facilitate a transition to the new attorney or firm in the manner requested by the Board.

Please respond to confirm receipt of this contract termination notice. If you have any questions, please email me at [Kelly.Mercer@desotoschools.com](mailto:Kelly.Mercer@desotoschools.com) at your soonest convenience.

Thank you for your services. We wish you and your company the best for the future.

Sincerely,

Kelly Mercer, Board Chair  
School Board of DeSoto County