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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract and Request to Place Purchase Order
Department of Employee Relations
Ford & Harrison LLP

Attached is a contract for legal services with Ford & Harrison LLP, a firm which has provided labor and equity law consulting services to the District for several years. The Department of Employee Relations is requesting approval of this contract for the 2007-08 school year.

Based on conversations with other Districts, the Purchasing Department has benchmarked the maximum hourly rates as fair and reasonable. Additionally, the rates quoted represent a blended rate increase of 4.5% from last year's contract rates, within the CPI index for the latest available 12-month period. The District is permitted to negotiate for legal services based on F.S. 287.057(5)(f)(5).

The Department of Employee Relations requests Board approval of this contract, and permission to place a purchase order not to exceed \$130,000 for encumbrance during the next fiscal year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations, or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments