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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT: **Renewal: Direct Negotiated Contract
3rd Year of Three-Year Agreement, Speech/Language Pathologists
Columbus Educational Services****

On July 5, 2005, official action (attached) was taken to approve a three-year contract, renewable annually at the mutual agreement of the parties, with Columbus Educational Services. The District entered into this contract to address its serious shortage of Speech/Language Pathologists (S/LP) to serve our students. The contract provides a contingent source by which the ESE Department can contract with qualified professionals to meet this continuing need.

As you will note in the official action of July 5, 2005, the District incurs no expenses under this contract until ESE has accepted the proposed employee's services. The SL/P remains an employee of Columbus. The ESE Department has requested that the contract be renewed for its 3rd year. Purchasing and ESE have negotiated, and Columbus has agreed in writing to accept, amended terms and conditions (attached) which more clearly define Columbus' responsibilities and the fees for which the District is responsible. The renewal term will be July 5, 2007 – July 4, 2008.

At this time, we are requesting Board approval of the attached contract Amendment and approval of the contract for its 3rd year. Anticipated expenditures in 2007-2008 could be as much as \$1.5 million, but as stated above, there will be no cost to the Board until the S/LP is accepted by ESE and is performing work for the District. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Monica Verra, Director of ESE, or me.

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Attachments