



# District School Board of Pasco County

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

RE: Contract and Purchase Order Approval, ESE Department  
Advanced Nursing Solutions

The Exceptional Student Education Department is requesting approval of a contract with Advanced Nursing solutions, and permission to place a purchase for \$32,400 covering services from August 8, 2006 through May 23, 2007.

As outlined in the attached correspondence, Medicaid had been covering special services for one of our students, who has been inserted with a very unique and complicated tracheotomy opening. Medicaid stopped one-on-one coverage for services of this nature.

ESE has diligently attempted to locate a Licensed Private Nursing source that can service this child's special needs. It has been documented (attached) that due to the very complicated nature of the trach and the tendency of the child to pull the tube out, the LPN who has been with the child for over three (3) years has specialized skills and has developed the trust of the child, allowing the tube to be re-inserted in an efficient and quick manner. As you will note, the Department of Health has confirmed that if the student's trach tube becomes dislodged, very special skills are required in order to reinsert the tub (see attached letter).

Cost for the LPN are comparable to those being received by the Pinellas County School Board under bid #06-948-027-PS. Due to this unique situation, impacting the health and safety of a student, the Purchasing Department is recommending continuity of care and approval of this purchase order and contract, under DOE rule 6A.1.012(7). Please contact me at your earliest convenience if I can provide further information or clarification.

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Date/Time: July 5, 2006 2:21:00