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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Permission to Negotiate: Columbus Educational Services
Agreement for Speech/Language Pathologists for the Exceptional Student
Education Department (ESE)

On June 19, 2007, official action (attached) was taken to enter into the third year of a three (3)-year agreement with Columbus Educational Services. The District originally entered into this contract in 2005 to address its serious shortage of Speech/Language Pathologists (S/LPs) 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. Please see the attached memo from Ms. Monica Verra, Director of ESE.

The third year of the contract will expire on July 4, 2008. As the District continues to experience a shortage of S/LPs, we are requesting permission to negotiate a new, three (3)-year agreement with Columbus to provide these services on a contingent basis. Under Florida Administrative Rule 6A-1.012(7), the District is permitted to negotiate for the purchase of professional or educational services, should it be in our best interest to do so.

Any contract resulting from these negotiations, as well as the total expenditure and sources of funding, will be brought back to the Board for final approval. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Verra or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachment