



# District School Board of Pasco County

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable School Board Members

**FROM:** Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Parent Notification System Connect-ED  
Blackboard Connect Inc.

On March 4, 2008, official action (attached) was taken to permit negotiations for a new, three (3)-year agreement with Blackboard Connect (formerly Notification Technologies Inc.) for a parent notification system. Please see the attached memo from Ms. Summer Romagnoli, Program Specialist for Community & Government Relations, regarding details of how the Connect-ED system is used within the District.

A new agreement has been negotiated, and is attached for your review and approval. The terms have been reviewed and approved by Ms. Nancy Alfonso, Board Attorney. The cost for the term June 22, 2008 – June 21, 2009 will be \$239,983.20, with the fee of \$3.60 per student remaining the same as in the previous contract. The Purchasing Department was able to successfully negotiate removal of the \$6,900 support fee requested by Blackboard. Per Ms. Romagnoli, funding for the expenditure will come from a grant (if so funded by the Legislature for the 2008-2009 fiscal year), with the balance of the expenditure funded through General Revenue funds.

Under Florida Department of Education Rule 6A-1.012(10), the District is permitted to negotiate for high technology purchases, should it be in our best interest to do so. At this time we are requesting approval of the attached contract, and permission to place a purchase order to Blackboard Connect in the amount of \$239,983.20. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Romagnoli or me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/az  
Attachments