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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members
FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
SUBJECT: Purchase of New Server, Sun SPARC Enterprise M4000, Agilysis
Department of Informational Media and Technology (DIMC)

The District's current library automation software, Sirsi Unicorn, has reached its "end of life," requiring an upgrade to the next version. The new version is not compatible with the server the District has had in operation since 2001.

DIMC has requested that the District purchase a Sun SPARC Enterprise M4000 server to support this new software. Ms. Wendy Spriggs, Director of DIMC, is recommending the purchase of a Sun server rather than a server from any other manufacturer, to avoid additional, significant operating system migration and customization costs. Please see the attached memo from Ms. Spriggs for detailed information.

This purchase of high-technology equipment through negotiation is permitted under DOE Rule 6A-1.012(10). This negotiation took place with Agilysis (proposal attached). As Sun servers are available through other distributors, Purchasing was able to benchmark the pricing as fair and reasonable based on two (2) additional proposals obtained from other distributors (on file in Purchasing.) We are requesting permission to place a purchase order to Agilysis for equipment and maintenance totaling \$41,990.16, using capital outlay funds.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wendy Springs or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments