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## <u>M E M O R A N D U M</u>

TO: Honorable Board Members

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

**SUBJECT:** Wireless Generation: Technology for Collection and Disaggregation of Student Assessment Information, Department of Curriculum & Instructional Services (CIS)

Over the course of the last two (2) years, several DSBPC elementary schools have contracted with Wireless Generation to use their software platform for the collection and disaggregation of student assessment information. Wireless Generation is the sole source provider for administering the Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills (mCLASS DIBELS) using handheld technology (see attached letter from Wireless Generation). Please also reference the attached memo from Ms. Kathy Steiner, Director of Curriculum & Instructional Services, for information regarding the need for this technology and its benefits to the District.

Under the Department of Education Rule 6A-1.012(7), the District is exempted from requiring bids from three (3) or more sources when such items are purchased directly from the owner of the copyright. We are requesting permission for the District's elementary schools to continue ordering the software platform from Wireless Generation, and to place purchase orders as needed. Expenditures for 2007-2008 are estimated to be \$250,000, funded separately by each school from their general operating expenses. For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Wireless Generation will work with CIS to put all schools on a synchronous renewal cycle, so that purchase orders may be aggregated and sent to the Board for approval as a group.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Kathy Steiner or me at your earliest convenience.

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