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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Permission to Directly Negotiate Contract
Wide-Area Network (WAN) Connectivity for New Schools Opening 2007-08

Over the past several months, the Information Services Department has been actively researching the most cost-effective, technologically feasible solution for providing high-speed WAN connectivity to Sunlake High School, Charles S. Rushe Middle School, Double Branch Elementary School, Gulf Trace Elementary School, and New River Elementary School. Please see the attached memo from Mr. Bruce Baldwin, Director of Information Services, and Mr. Chris Jackson, Supervisor of Network Services, for more information.

Under DOE rule 6A-1.012(10), the District is permitted to negotiate for high-technology purchases, should we choose to do so. We are investigating other opportunities, such as piggy-backing another governmental entity's contract, however we are asking for permission to negotiate with all interested parties should it become necessary to do so. Once concluded, the results of the negotiations or the piggy-back, and permission to proceed with the high-technology purchases, will be brought back to the Board for final approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Bruce Baldwin or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachment