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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Direct Negotiations 08-038-DN – Sign Language Interpreters – ESE Department

On September 11, 2007 a bid for Sign Language Interpreters was submitted to the Board with a notation requesting permission to negotiate with interested parties as only two bids were submitted and there is a high demand for these services.

After the Board's approval to negotiate, Professional Interpreting Consultants was contacted and they expressed interest in negotiating for these services. Subsequently, the Purchasing Department and Professional Interpreting Consultants reached a successful agreement at the billing rate of \$50.00 for State Quality Assurance Certification and \$55.00 for Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Certification per hour. As a result, it is our recommendation to approve the attached agreement with Professional Interpreting Consultants (personal certifications on file in Purchasing).

This will be the first year of a three-year agreement that is renewable annually by written mutual consent of both parties. The first year of this contract will commence on October 6, 2007 and continue through to October 5, 2007. The estimated total expenditures with this company is \$50,000 per year.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/sn Attachments

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Date/Time: September 26, 2007 10:27:00