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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract and Request to Place Purchase Order
Department of Employee Relations
Ford & Harrison LLP

Attached is a contract for legal services with Ford & Harrison LLP, a firm which has provided labor and equity law consulting services to the District for several years. The Department of Employee Relations is requesting approval of this contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

There is no increase to Ford & Harrison's hourly rates from last year's contract. The District is permitted to negotiate for legal services based on Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.012(11)(a). McClain & Alfonso, the Board's attorney, has approved the use of this firm's services.

The Department of Employee Relations requests Board approval of this contract, and permission to place a purchase order not to exceed \$150,000 for encumbrance from general funds during the next fiscal year. This is the same amount which was approved for the 2008-09 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations, or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments