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

TO: Honorable School Board Members

- FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
- **SUBJECT:** Permission to Negotiate with Mainline Information Systems Inc. for Redundant Mainframe Safety System

The Department of Information Services is asking for permission to negotiate with Mainline Information Systems Inc. (Mainline) for the possible purchase of an IBM iSeries 8203-E4A system to replace the District's obsolete IBM 820 system. Please see the attached memo from Mr. Bruce Baldwin, Director of Information Services, for detailed information.

Should negotiations be successful, we are requesting that the Board declare the IBM 820 system (Serial Number A01CB/BPI#8567543) as surplus and grant permission to use that system as a tradein against a new system. The results of any such negotiation will be brought to a future Board meeting for approval.

Mainline is IBM's sole business partner for transactions of this nature. The District is permitted to negotiate for high-technology purchases by Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.012(14). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Ed Mutell, Supervisor of Information Services, or me at your earliest convenience.

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