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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable School Board Members  
**FROM:** Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
**SUBJECT:** Verizon Business Network Services Agreement for Point-to-Point DS1 Services

The Information Services Department is recommending that the District enter into an annual agreement with Verizon Business Network Services for point-to-point DS1 services. Currently the District purchases these services on a month-to-month basis. DS1 lines transmit voice and data between District locations.

Per the attached memo from Mr. Chris Jackson, Supervisor of Network Services, there is a cost savings to the District for entering into a yearly agreement. As he has stated, the District anticipates continued use of these core services, so there is no adverse risk to the District for early termination. The monthly cost will be \$26,358. Payment will continue to be made on a monthly basis.

Our Board attorney, Ms. Nancy Alfonso, has reviewed and approved this contract. As the overwhelming majority of devices enabling DS1 services are considered high technology under DOE Rule 6A-1.012(10), the District is permitted to enter into this contract without bidding the services. Additionally, the services are being provided under tariff by a utility controlled by the Public Service Commission. We are requesting Board approval of the attached contract, the term of which will be July 23, 2008 – July 22, 2009. Please contact Chris Jackson or me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Attachments