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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**: Approval of Contract and Request to Place Purchase Order Land Use Attorney Legal Services, Richard E. Davis, PA

Attached is a contract for legal services which is being requested by Mr. Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services. Mr. Richard Davis is a land use attorney, who is familiar with contract issues, county ordinances, school concurrency and SWFWMD permitting. Please see the attached memo from Mr. Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services. The firm of McClain & Alfonso, School Board Attorneys, has approved contracting for these services, which are highly specialized, as relating to school site acquisition and developer conveyances.

Mr. Davis has offered his services to the District at a discounted rate. The Purchasing Department has benchmarked this hourly rate as fair and reasonable, based on the rates we currently pay for other specialized legal services such as labor and equity law consulting. Per F.S. 287.057(5)(f) and DOE 6A-1.012 (7), the District may directly negotiate for legal/professional services, when it is in the best interest of the District to do so.

We are requesting approval of this contract, and permission to place a purchase order not to exceed \$25,000. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Gadd or me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/az Attachments