



# District School Board of Pasco County

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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 2006-07 school year.

Based on conversations with other Districts, the Purchasing Department has benchmarked the maximum hourly rate as fair and reasonable. The rates quoted represent a 2% increase from those charged by the firm for the 2005-06 school year.

The Department of Employee Relations requests Board approval of this contract, and permission to place a purchase order not to exceed \$50,000 for encumbrance during the next fiscal 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