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July 24, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent 

RE: SACS CASI/AdvancED Accreditation Fees for 2012-2013

The Research and Evaluation Services Department is requesting approval to issue a purchase order to provide payment to SACS CASI/AdvancED for annual accreditation fee for 79 Pasco County schools for the 2012-2013 school year. The cost is \$650.00 per school for a total of \$51,350.00.

Please reference the attached memo from Bryce Pride, Supervisor of Research & Evaluation Services Dept. for details regarding these fees.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Bryce Pride, Supervisor of Research & Evaluation Services Dept. or me at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments

District Wide Accreditation • Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Date/Time: July 17, 2012 10:53:00



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MEMORANDUM

RE: 293-12

June 26, 2012

To: Kendra Goodman
From: Bryce Pride, Supervisor 
Research & Evaluation Services

Subject: SACS CASI/AdvancED Accreditation Fees for 2012-2013

The Research and Evaluation Services Department requests approval from the District School Board of Pasco County to provide payment to SACS CASI AdvancED for our annual accreditation fee for our 79 schools. The cost is \$650 per school for a total of \$51,350.00.

All applicant, candidate and accredited institutions pay annual accreditation fees to cover the costs of services and support associated with the accreditation process. For the first time in five years, the accreditation fees have increased. This increase will be in place for the next three years, as approved by the AdvancED Board of Trustees.

In addition to support and service the accreditation fee provides us with the new AdvancED Standards for Quality, AdvancED Accreditation Protocol and AdvancED Adaptive System of school Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST).

Our accreditation is a proven, clear and powerful protocol that provides a comprehensive analysis to drive continuous improvement and inform needed actions to improve school learning.

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NCA CASI, SACS CASI, and AdvancED Accreditation Fees for 2012-13

Congratulations on being a part of the world's largest education community, representing 30,000 public and private schools and districts in more than 70 countries worldwide, educating more than 16 million students. Your accreditation through AdvancED, NCA CASI, or SACS CASI is a proven, clear, and powerful protocol for school and school system improvement that provides a comprehensive analysis to drive continuous improvement and inform needed actions to improve student learning.

We have enclosed your annual accreditation fee invoice for the 2012-13 school year. Your fee invoice includes all the schools within your school system. As you may know, all applicant, candidate, and accredited institutions pay annual accreditation fees to cover the costs of services and support associated with the accreditation process. Your annual accreditation fees also enable us to provide you with local support for accreditation through your state or regional office as well as international leadership and representation through AdvancED, the parent organization for NCA CASI and SACS CASI.

For the first time in five years, the accreditation fees have increased. This increase will be in place for the next three years, as approved by the AdvancED Board of Trustees. We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing you high quality accreditation and school improvement services while establishing an economically feasible fee structure.

In addition to support and service, your accreditation fee provides you with the new AdvancED Standards for Quality, AdvancED Accreditation Protocol and AdvancED Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST). These tools and protocols mark a new generation of accreditation and school improvement. The result is a performance-based accreditation process and state-of-the-art, web-based system that provides each institution with a comprehensive analysis to drive continuous improvement. You will be able to use the new Accreditation Protocol and ASSIST to track ongoing improvement efforts within your school system, as well as each of your individual schools.

Your invoice is sent in the spring each year for the upcoming year's fees. This timing gives you flexibility with regard to the budget year of payment and assists with planning expenses for the coming year. At its core, accreditation is based on school improvement and, as a reminder, Title I or II money can be used to support school improvement programs. Payment is due July 31, 2012.

For questions regarding the enclosed invoice, please contact Cathy Winnie (cwinnie@advanc-ed.org) at 678.392.2285, ext. 5617, or toll-free at 1.888.413.3669, ext. 5617. You also can fax any questions to us at 770.346.9266.

Thank you again for your commitment to accreditation and for all you do to advance the quality of education provided to students around the world. We look forward to serving you in the 2012-13 school year.

AdvancED is the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). For more information about AdvancED, please visit us at www.advanc-ed.org.