

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY

FROM: MICHAEL A. GREGO, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT

Please approve the following for submission for funding at the School Board Meeting of:
May 21, 2013.

D. Title of Project: Contract with Lighthouse Guidance Systems, Inc.

If this is a contractual agreement requiring bids or formal quotes, the director of purchasing has authorized this agreement according to purchasing requirements.

 x The "**Checklist for Contractual Agreements**" form has been signed by the Project Manager and the Director of Purchasing, and submitted to the Director of Special Projects.

 N/A

Amount of Project: \$ 110,461.00

Status of Project:

New: X

Renewal:

Amendment:

If Amendment:

Additional Funds:

Reduced Funds:

Time Extension:

Other:

Fund Source:

State:

Federal: x

Other:

Length of Project: 13 Months

Starting Date: May 21, 2013

Ending Date: June 30, 2014

Strategic Direction(s): Student Achievement

Program Description: The Lighthouse Guidance Systems Academic Planner is an interactive online academic planning tool that enables middle and high school students to develop a multiyear program of study from middle school to high school graduation and career planning. Students also have the ability to project course grades in order to target a specific grade point average. Students can choose from several different academic pathways made up of school-specific course options in order to accurately plan their course of study and future career goals. The academic planner automatically populates completed high school courses and the grades earned each semester. School counselors and other designated educators can access their students' planners and can also leave advising comments for students at their discretion. The contract is for licensing fees of the online program, technical assistance, reporting, and training.

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Rationale: Florida statute requires that middle students create an academic plan that correlates with their future career goals. Currently, the only method for students to create this is through a paper format provided by the Florida Virtual Campus. The Lighthouse Guidance Systems Academic Planner will provide an online, accurate and measurable vehicle students can utilize in order to meet this state requirement. The academic planner will help schools more effectively communicate academic awareness and provide a medium for students and schools to examine what is needed to be college or career ready.

Usage in other districts: Yes No X

Visits by PCS Staff: Date: Person:

Students to be served/Target Audience: 8th-12 grade students

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results: A research study analyzing parental monitoring, student academic performance, and student planning both before and after use of LGS Connect identified significant gaps between GPA perception before and after use of LGS Connect. An implementation and process evaluation specific to Pinellas will be conducted by the Assessment, Accountability, and Research Office during the 2013-14 school year.

Contact Person: Andrew Weatherill, K-12 Guidance Services Specialist

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): William Lawrence, Associate Superintendent
William Farragut, Lighthouse Guidance Services, Inc.

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

Target Schools: All middle and high schools

Budget

Purchased Services	\$ 110,461.00
• Lighthouse Guidance Systems, Inc.	

TOTAL	\$ 110,461.00
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SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN 2 COPIES AS MARKED

BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN 2 COPIES AS MARKED

**Special Projects School Board Agenda Item
Checklist for Contractual Agreements**

Complete the following checklist for contractual agreements that are being submitted for School Board approval. Attach the completed checklist to the two-page agenda form and submit to the Special Projects Office.

Title of Contractual Agreement/Agenda Item: Contract with Lighthouse Guidance Systems, Inc.

The Director of Purchasing has determined that:

- ☐ This agreement is the result of a bid process.
- ☐ This agreement is the result of obtaining three formal quotes.
- ☒ This agreement is sole source, and does not require a bid or quotes.
- ☐ This agreement is with a university/college and does not require a bid or quotes.

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Project Manager Signature	Project #	Date

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Director of Purchasing, Signature	Date