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: July 30, 2013.

F. Title of Project: Amendment (Time Extension) to the Contract with ASCD

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.

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Amount of Project: \$318,162.52

Status of Project:

New: If Ame	Renewal: ndment:			Amendment: X	
	Additional Funds:	Reduced Fu	nds:	Time Extension: X	Other:
Fund Source:					
State:	Fede	eral: X	Other:		

Length of Project: <u>24</u> Months

Starting Date: 11/6/2012

Ending Date: 6/30/2014

Strategic Direction(s): Student Achievement

Program Description: ASCD is supporting the Professional Development System (PDS) and CCSS implementation through a blended model of capacity building professional learning. The contract with ASCD, signed by the Board on November 6, 2012, included an implementation plan that outlined nine sessions with the Community of Practice and three learning sessions with each school cadre to be completed by June 30, 2013. In order to create the most effective PDS and to deliver and support the highest quality professional learning, the schedule was adjusted. During the 2012-2013 school year each school selected Cadre members, orientation sessions were held, the Community of Practice met regularly to learn and plan the school cadre sessions, and one professional learning session was held with each school cadre. Additional cadre sessions remain within the contract. The amended contract adjusts the dates of the additional three cadre session and allows for resources and support during the 2013-2014 school year including completion of the online CCSS course initiated in May 2013. The goal is the building of district capacity and the gradual release of support from ASCD.

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Rationale: The contract between Pinellas County Schools and ASCD is providing professional development services and resources to support implementation of the Common Core State Standards and development and implementation of the revised Professional Development System.

Usage in other districts: Yes x No

Visits by PCS Staff: NA Date: Person:

Students to be served/Target Audience: All teachers and administrators

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results: The national professional learning organization, Learning Forward, professional learning revised standards recognize that sustained staff development is vital for individuals that affect student learning (Learning Forward Professional Development Standards, 2011). Research indicates that professional learning focused on teacher capacity-building in instructional practices has been found to be the most productive investment for schools and far exceeds the effects of teacher experience or class size (Greenwald, Hedges, & Laine, 1996, *Review of Educational Research*, 66, 411-416). In addition, research has found statistically significant improvement in student achievement in schools where teacher collaboration, job-embedded professional learning and the use of lesson study were the norm.

Contact Person: Lisa Grant, Ed. D., Director, Professional Development

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): Jan Urbanski, Ed. D., Director, Special Projects

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

то	TAL \$ 318,162.52
Purchased Services ASCD 	\$ 297,570.52
Materials & Supplies	\$ 20,592.00
Budget	
Target Schools: All Schools	

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