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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.

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**NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS**

Target Schools: All Schools

Budget

Materials & Supplies	\$ 20,592.00
Purchased Services	\$ 297,570.52
•    ASCD	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 318,162.52</b>

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