

**RATIFY EXERCISING THE THIRD OPTION TO RENEW THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT  
WITH PYRAMID EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify exercising the third option to renew the agreement with Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. to provide training and follow-up services to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost for this option period not to exceed \$126,500.00. A written renewal agreement exercising this third option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during this option period prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:** Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.  
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Newark, Delaware 19713  
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**USER:** Office of Specialized Services  
Program Development  
Contact Person: Renee Grant-Mitchell, Ed.D.  
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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 04-0825-PR37) in the amount of \$127,000.00 was for a term commencing September 1, 2004 and ending August 31, 2005 with the Board having three (3) options to renew the agreement for additional one-year periods. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because Consultant was the only certified source of training for the PECS system and Consultant's expertise in the field of autism. The agreement was renewed for a period commencing September 1, 2005 and ending August 31, 2006 (authorized by Board Report 05-0824-PR23). The agreement was further renewed for a period commencing September 1, 2006 and ending August 31, 2007 (authorized by Board Report 06-0823-PR20).

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of the agreement is being renewed for one (1) additional year commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There are no option periods remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant will continue to provide training and staff development to CPS staff from participating schools. Training will be provided in the following areas: instructional strategies, communication systems, behavior intervention, and data collection and analysis. To ensure understanding and effective implementation of strategies, Consultant will continue to provide on-site consultation and supervision to each participant following staff training. Six times each year, a member of Consultant's staff will continue to meet with itinerant teacher participants and other CPS senior staff members, to troubleshoot Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and Pyramid program implementation, and plan for future utilization by CPS of the provided training information. In addition, Consultant's staff will continue to provide consultation on setting up two demonstration classrooms to serve as sites for staff development.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant shall continue to provide to each participant, *Pyramid and Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) Training Manuals*, and samples of functional lesson plans.




**Ethics** - The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**Contingent Liability** - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

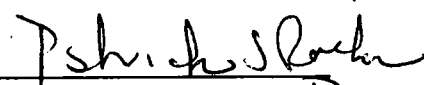
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Pedro Martinez  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel