

January 28, 2004

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities at a cost for the first option period not to exceed \$65,492.40. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the Consultant during the first option period prior to the execution of the written document. The authority granted herein

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OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in the following improvements in school performance for the participants in the Avenues for Success program: The participants will show a 10-20% decrease in disciplinary actions as measured by misconduct reports; 15-25% decrease in truancy rate; and improved letter grades in four core subjects.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid monthly fees including not to exceed the sum of \$95,400.

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REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

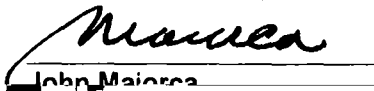
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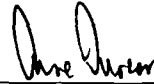


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