



## PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**DATE:** May 20, 2021

**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Shirley Vargas, Ed.L.D.  
School Transformation Officer

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Authorize the Commissioner to extend the contract period with KLK Educational Services, Inc., Ann Mausbach Consulting, and PRISM Advisors for services and continuing support for identified Priority Schools until June 30, 2022.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In May 2019, the NDE deployed a school improvement Request for Proposal (RFP), seeking bids on supporting current and future Priority Schools. The RFP was originally written for a two year time period. However, with the impacts of the COVID-19 on travel and implementation of district safety protocols, and the recent State Board action on May 7, 2021 to exempt the 2019-2020 school year for Priority Schools, services and support for these schools should continue with current contractors. This extension will expand the initial timeframe of RFP NDE.SI2468.2019 from two years to three years. For all three contracts, the contract end date will be amended to June 30, 2022.

**PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR):** June 2021

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$257,800

### FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: General Funds
- New or Renewal: Renewal
- If renewal, date of first approval: June 2019