Approval for Pentamation Contract to Upgrade
Student and Finance Software
July 15, 2008

SUMMARY:
> - This item requests approval of a contract to upgrade the district Finance and Student Information System software.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:
> - None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
> - Denton ISD has used the Pentamation software for the last 11 years. This software upgrade was presented to the 2007 Bond committee and funded.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:
> Since the 2004 Bond and the "paperless project" directive, the district has moved to standardize on the Microsoft software platform. By unifying the software platform from the desktop to the databases there is less complications in obtaining and utilizing our precious resource which is our data.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
> - All costs are borne by the 2007 Bond.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:
> - Passage will allow this district to continue the migration of unifying the last major databases from a UNIX platform into the Microsoft SQL format. The servers will cost less and we will not be paying for ongoing multiple UNIX licenses.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:
> - None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:
> - None

ALTERNATIVES:
> - No alternative actions are proposed …

OTHER COMMENTS:
> - Randy Stout has approved this contract.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:
> The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:
> - Ernie Stripling, TIO
> - Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Budget and Finance
> - David Moor, Director of Data Processing

ATTACHMENT:
> - Pentamation contract (3 copies)

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____