Member Participation Agreement for Reduced Rates on Long Distance Services between Denton ISD and Partnership of Verizon Business Services and MiCTA

March 8, 2011

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval for Verizon long distance services through Verizon Business Services agreement with MiCTA, an association made up of non-profit colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, and other non-profit entities.

BOARD GOAL: VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Verizon is our current long distance provider.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- MiCTA members are a consortium of K-12 schools, colleges, etc. that as a group, can secure a lower price offering for telecommunication services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Will impact operational funding by reducing the cost of long distance services.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- To reduce long distance rate charges and to coordinate services with our E-Rate cycle for 2011.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed as we are a Verizon territory.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO

- Michael Bernstein, Director of Network Services

ATTACHMENT:

- MiCTA Member Participation Agreement

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation:

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent:

Signature of Superintendent: