Waiver Authorization to Waive Administrative Policy 3.09(9)(e) and Issue a Purchase Order to Finalsite for Website System Upgrade and Related Support

The administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Finalsite for a major district-wide website systems upgrade and annual support/maintenance for the district and school websites.

This upgrade is considered a major upgrade of core district systems. The work being provided by Finalsite will provide MPS with a solution that includes current supported technologies which will increase search capabilities within the district and school sites, add additional language support as well as increase accessibility for all visitors of the sites.

Currently, the systems of the school (WordPress) and district websites (Titan) are not meeting the needs of users or families, so it was determined that a major upgrade was needed to address the points mentioned above.

This purchase is made under the TIPS contract #230105.

The Administration is requesting the option of a 5-year purchase order. The request to waive Administrative Policy 3.09(9)(e) with respect to term limit is due to the extended timeline associated with the complexity and scope of the upgrades.

The subscriptions and related support will cover a five-year period from December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2028 and the total cost will not exceed \$555,000.

In Year One, \$175,000 will be encumbered, and the budget will be encumbered each successive year on or near the anniversary date for an additional \$95,000/year.

Budget Code:

<u>Finalsite</u>

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required	
Proposed	0%
\$ Value	NA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS