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**SUBJECT: RULES REVISION PROJECT WORKSHOPS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

At its meeting of April 14, 2010, the School Board approved Board Item G-3 ("Rules Revision Project") which authorized a contract with Northeast Ohio Learning Associates, Inc. ("NEOLA"), to assist the School Board in revising and updating the School Board Rules. Pursuant to the contract, NEOLA will offer initial drafts of the policy and rule templates to District staff, and staff will then develop recommendations to the Superintendent regarding whether current rules should be retained, replaced by NEOLA's templates or combined with NEOLA's language to create a new rule or policy that is unique to the District. The recommendations will be divided into eight sections corresponding to the eight sections of rules offered by NEOLA. The Board will review each section in a series of workshops, and this item seeks to establish the workshops that will be held prior to the next organizational meeting of The School Board.

We are requesting that the Board approve Board workshops to take place in September and November to review the first four sections of recommended revisions (Bylaws/Governance, Finance, Facilities, Operations). Board members were polled for these dates and will be polled for subsequent workshop dates.

The target completion dates for the final recommendations on revising and updating the over five hundred (500) School Board Rules are the March-May, 2011, Board meetings. In order to meet these deadlines, the NEOLA contract requires periodic School Board workshops during the project to provide the Board with the opportunity to review the Superintendent's initial recommendations for each section of rules as they are completed. NEOLA will facilitate the Board workshops and, in order to minimize expenses, will schedule its meetings with District staff in conjunction with the Board workshops.

Board scheduling and participation in these workshops is critical to meeting the contract deadlines for this project.

**RECOMMENDED:** We are requesting that the Board approve Board workshops to take place in September and November 2010 to review the first four sections of recommended revisions (Bylaws/Governance, Finance, Facilities, Operations). Board members were polled for these dates and will be polled for subsequent workshop dates.

