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**MISSION STATEMENT**

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

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**TO:** Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

**FROM:** Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

**RE:** Contract Engagement for District Annual Audit

**DATE:** December 21, 2011

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Each year the district is required by statute to engage in audit contract with a certified accounting firm to complete a comprehensive audit of the district finances and well as do a review of in-district practices regarding the management of all District funds.

Costs for these audits have increased due to added requirements placed on the auditors by both the State of Wisconsin and the Federal Government. Due to these added requirements, audit firms are either no longer doing school audits or significantly increasing their prices.

In a survey of other districts, many have experienced significant increases. Our engagement contract with Krause, Howard & Company shows just a 2 % increase over last year. The contracted amount for the upcoming audit is \$25,000 (this past year was \$24,500).

It is recommended that the board give authority to administration to engage in this contract for the 2011-2012 fiscal year audit.