

**AUTHORIZE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FOR IASA TITLE I, TITLE II, TITLE IV, TITLE VI AND
CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL 2002**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize submission of the fiscal 2002 IASA Title I, Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards; Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program; Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities; Title VI, Innovative Education Program Strategies, and Class-Size Reduction proposals to the Illinois State Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION:

IASA TITLE I

The major goal of Title I is to improve educational opportunities for children who are at risk of failing. Resources and services are concentrated in 490 public school units including 24 child-parent centers. Approximately 120 nonpublic schools also receive Title I services. More than 300,000 public and nonpublic school pupils may participate in the fiscal 2002 project.

The goals of the Title II, IV, VI, and Class-Size Reduction projects support services for more than 430,000 public school children and more than 80,000 nonpublic school children in Chicago. Following is a brief description of each of the four projects:

IASA TITLE II

The purpose of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program is to support public and nonpublic school efforts to improve teaching skills, with special emphasis on mathematics and science, which will result in the improvement of instruction in those critical curricular areas. Local schools will design the professional development activities that will best meet their needs.

IASA TITLE IV

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program serves students, teachers, and parents of Chicago's public and nonpublic schools. The purpose of this program is to create a comprehensive safety and alcohol and drug abuse prevention-intervention program that will prevent violence in and around schools; assist students in avoiding alcohol and other drug use; enhance social competency skills; and provide information to the families of high-risk behavior students. The program will encompass the following strategies: training of persons who have an impact upon prevention-intervention alcohol and drug abuse issues; providing students with education and activities focusing on drug prevention; and forming networks with community organizations to provide for the specific needs of individual schools.

IASA TITLE VI

Innovative Educational Program Strategies is a citywide project that provides funds to meet local needs. Those needs include strengthening the gifted programs, assisting principals, disseminating information to local school councils, and enhancing personnel, communications, school leadership, and professional development services. In addition, this program provides instructional materials and equipment for nonpublic schools.

CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION

Class-Size Reduction is a citywide project that provides funds to recruit, train, hire, and test certified teachers to reduce class size to 15 or fewer students in grades 1, 2, and 3 in schools that have the greatest need due to student retention or underachievement. In addition, funds will be used for staff development activities and an annual report on the achievement of third-grade students who participate in reduced-size classes.

The funding period for the four projects is July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

LSC REVIEW:

The local school councils approved all locally designed programs.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL:

Funds will be sought for each program in the approximate amounts of: \$160,306,818 for Title I, \$4,978,449 for Title II; \$3,980,686 for Title IV; \$4,064,710 for Title VI; and \$27,253,631 for Class-Size Reduction.

This contract is not legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Each party to this agreement hereby acknowledges that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

The Board of Education Indebtedness Policy (95-0726-EX3) adopted July 26, 1995, as amended June 26, 1996, (96-0626-PO3) is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Contract as if fully set forth herein.

The Board of Education Ethics Code (95-0927-RU3) adopted September 27, 1995, as amended March 27, 1996, (96-0327-PO7) is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Contract as if fully set forth herein.

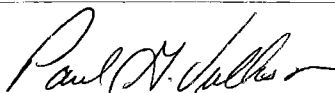
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

Approved for consideration:

Approved:


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Noted:


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