

ACCEPT FOUR SPECIAL ASSISTANTS UNDER THE NATIONAL URBAN/RURAL FELLOWS, CLASS OF 2002, MENTORING PROGRAM

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board of Education accept four Special Assistants assigned to the Department of Language, Culture and Early Education, Department of Schools and Regions and the Board Office, under the mentoring program for the National Urban/Rural Fellows, Class of 2002, and provide \$49,000 to National Urban Fellows, Inc., (NUF) for each fellow as the Board's mentoring contribution, for a total of \$196,000.

As part of their fellowship leading to a masters Degree in Public Administration, the four NUF fellows will primarily work on the following projects: technology development of early childhood education; book club expansion in the elementary and middle schools; Principal for a Day Program; E-Brigade initiative to better serve parents and students with website and on-line services; and cultural arts programming and curriculum.

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