

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
FOR THE 2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to the Council of the Great City Schools for the cost of the Chicago Public Schools' annual membership in that organization for the 2001-2002 school year, in the amount of \$40,327.

ORGANIZATION: **Council of the Great City Schools**
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USER: **Office of the Chief Executive Officer**
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DESCRIPTION: The Council of the Great City Schools is a membership organization composed of 57 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission centers solely on the improvement of public schools for urban youth. The Council joins together urban school districts of unusually large size (cities with populations over 250,000 or student enrollments over 35,000) whose students come from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The Council also serves as a focal point for information exchange, conferencing and networking among urban school districts with similar interests, concerns and challenges. The legislative advocacy efforts are estimated to bring more than \$250 million in extra federal funds to urban districts or about \$200 for every dollar in dues. The Council is listed as one of the four most effective education groups in Washington, and is considered one of the 300 most powerful organizations on Capitol Hill in any field.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-Wide Education Services: \$40,327 Fiscal Year: 2002
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5420 Source of Funds: Education Fund, 210

Any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget.

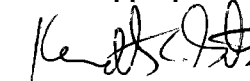
Approved for Consideration:


Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer


Approved:


Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
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