

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
FOR THE EduPORTAL SERVICE**

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' participation in the EduPortal service, in the amount of \$15,000. No written agreement with this organization is required.

ORGANIZATION: Council of the Great City Schools
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 702
Washington, D.C. 20004
202/393-2427
Vendor # 18059

USER: Office of the Chief Fiscal Officer
125 South Clark Street
Daryl Okrzesik
773/553-2700

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 new Eduportal service is an additional cost to their membership fee, and serves to provide enhanced document-sharing and collaboration Portal on the Internet. Some features include expansive search capabilities, group discussions electronically, and provides districts with the capacity to author documents.

COMPENSATION: One lump sum payment in the amount of \$15,000.

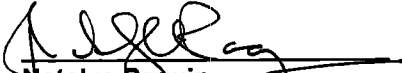
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not Applicable

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

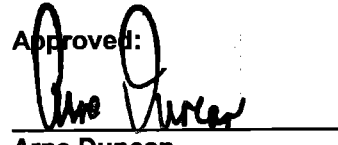
FINANCIAL: Charge to School Financial Services \$15,000
Budget Classification: 0200-210-000-7892-5410

Fiscal Year: 2002
Source of Funds: General, 210


Approved for Consideration:


Natalye Raquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

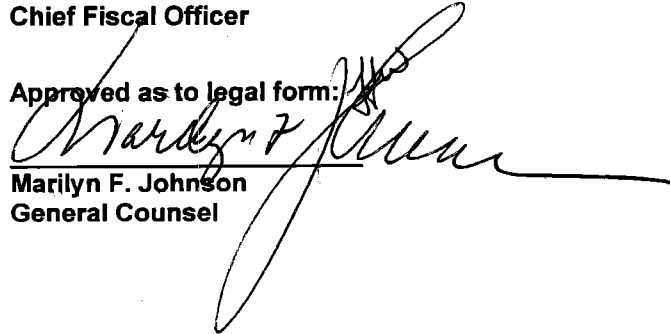
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel