

**MOTION - ACCEPT THREE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS UNDER THE
NATIONAL URBAN/RURAL FELLOWS, CLASS OF 2003,
MENTORING PROGRAM**

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board of Education accept three Special Assistants assigned to the Office of the Board, under the mentoring program for the National Urban/Rural Fellows, Class of 2003, and provide \$49,000 to National Urban Fellows, Inc., (NUF) for each fellow as the Board's mentoring contribution, for a total of \$147,000.

As part of their fellowship leading to a Masters Degree in Public Administration, the three NUF fellows will primarily work on the following projects: cable in the schools initiative, teacher housing initiative, reading initiative, special events/community partnerships, children's capital fund and early childhood site expansion, technology and its integration in the Chicago Public Schools.

NUF, Inc. was founded in 1969 as a cooperative project of Yale University, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Through its fellowship programs, NUF, Inc., provides rigorous academic preparation at the Master's graduate level combined with an experiential mentorship. The organization and its fellowships stand as the model for leadership training for individuals from traditionally underrepresented communities, across the country and Europe. In its 30-year history, NUF, Inc. has qualified over 750 men and women for executive positions in public and private institutions.

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