

**AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF JUDITH BOCKEL POPPELL, PH. D., TO CONDUCT A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S STUDENT ASSIGNMENT TRENDS AND TO OFFER AN EXPERT OPINION OF COMPLIANCE UNDER THE DESEGREGATION CONSENT DECREE**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Retention of the expert services of Judith Bockel Poppell, Ph.D.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Board authorized a focused analysis of the district's progress in achieving the goals of the federal desegregation consent decree to which it has been subject since 1980.

Dr. Poppell is to complete a detailed, school-by-school assessment of our student assignment trends (including our magnet school and programs). Dr. Poppell ultimately will provide detailed analyses and opinions regarding the district's compliance with the consent decree student assignment goals, presently and historically, and offer recommendations for the future. We expect that a draft report will issue in October of 2002.

Dr. Poppell will continue to submit hourly billing statements (at the rate of \$150.00 per hour) to the Law Department on a monthly basis.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge \$20,000.00 to Law Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services: Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2003 . . . . . 0014-210-000-1011-5410

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

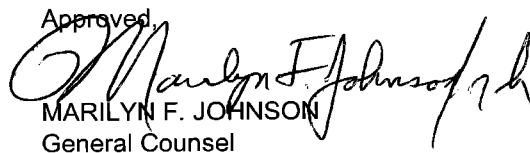
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel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

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the 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.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved  
  
MARILYN F. JOHNSON  
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:  
  
KENNETH C. GOTSCH  
Chief Fiscal Officer