

**AUTHORIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF 70 HIGH SCHOOLS  
IN THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON COMPETITION PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize participation in the Academic Decathlon Competition Program (Program) by students from 70 CPS high schools and authorize travel and other expenses related to the Program not to exceed \$ 43,200. Information pertinent to the Program is stated below.

**Specification No:**

**USER:**

Office of High School Development  
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**PROGRAM:**

Illinois Academic Decathlon  
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Chicago, IL 60601  
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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Program is a team competition wherein students match their intellects with students from other schools. Participation in the Program requires the payment of registration fees for seventy CPS high schools. Registration fees are \$200.00 per school. The Program involves more than 600 CPS students competing amongst themselves. Teams will first compete at the City level. The winning teams advance to compete against schools at the state level then at the national level. The competitions are scheduled as follows:

January 25, 2003	City Cluster Competition
February 22, 2003	City Regional Competition
March 8, 2003	Illinois State Competition
April 23-26, 2003	National Competition – Erie, Pennsylvania

Students are tested in the following ten categories: art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, science, social science, speech and super quiz. Each school enters a team of nine students comprised of the following:

- 3 "A" or Honor students (GPA 3.75 – 4.00)
- 3 "B" or Scholastic students (GPA 3.00 – 3.74)
- 3 "C" or Varsity students (GPA 0.00 – 2.99)

The Illinois Academic Decathlon (ILAD) coaches' clinic is scheduled for September 27-28, 2002. The two-day clinic provides the CPS team coaches with insights into different study techniques and coaching strategies. It also provides a networking opportunity for the coaches to identify potential scrimmage partners.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students who have demonstrated achievement at the honor, scholastic and varsity levels are given the opportunity to apply their knowledge in 10 academically demanding events. The students compete against their academic peers and experience the benefits of teamwork.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Travel to the National competition in Erie, Pennsylvania will be by airplane. Ground transportation will use taxis, buses or ground shuttle. ILAD will pay the airfare and accommodations for one team. CPS will pay the costs for a second team to be sent to the National competition. All travel arrangements will comply with the "Amended Policy on Student Travel," (Board Report 02-0828-PO04).

**COST:** The estimated costs are as follows:

Registration Fees:	\$14,000.00 (70 schools @ \$200.00 per school)
Coaches Clinic Fees	\$14,000.00 (70 schools @ \$200.00 per school)
Airfare	\$ 6,000.00 (based on 12 participants)
Hotel	\$ 6,000.00 (based on 12 participants)
Meals	\$ 2,400.00 (based on 12 participants)
Ground Transportation	\$ 800.00

**CHAPERONES:** The team coach, assistant coach, and the CPSAD coordinator will accompany the team to Erie, Pennsylvania.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be on file at his/her school.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this Program.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

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

<b>FINANCIAL:</b> Charge to Office of High School Development	\$ 43,200	Fiscal Year 2003
Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-2014-5500		\$ 15,200
Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-2014-5420		\$ 28,000

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to any 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 – Any 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, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.


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

Contingent Liability – Any 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).

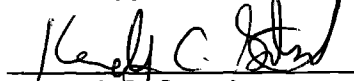
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
 Barbara J. Eason-Watkins (a.k.)  
 Chief Education Officer


**Approved:**

  
 Arne Duncan  
 Chief Executive Officer *by P.A.D.*

**Within Appropriation:**

  
 Kenneth G. Gotsch  
 Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
 Marilyn F. Johnson  
 General Counsel