

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCKNEY & ASSOCIATES
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with Buckney & Associates to provide consulting services to Corliss High School at a cost not to exceed \$ 70,100.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of consultant's proven ability to provide instructional methodologies that enhance teaching and learning and ultimately improve students' achievement. A written agreement for consultant is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT: Buckney & Associates, Inc.
Dr. Patricia D. Buckney, President
1700 E. 56th Street, Suite 3110
(773) 324-3454- Fax (773) 667-4317
Vendor #91571

USER: Corliss High School
821 E. 103rd Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Anthony Spivey, Principal
(773) 535-5115

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on January 7, 2003, and shall end June 20, 2003.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: This agreement may be terminated for any reason whatsoever by either party by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will use current PLAN and ACT assessment results to provide an extensive graphic analysis highlighting identified instructional levels, percentages of students achieving within each category and establish across curricula faculty collaborative groups for teaching fifteen, researched, documented critical and creative thinking skills necessary for constructing meaning.

DELIVERABLES: Buckney & Associates will provide:
Two consultants to monitor and model instruction 2 days per week (6 hours per day),
One-hour professional development seminars 2 times per month on Tuesdays (Senior Academy),
Professional development seminars during faculty common planning periods as designated by the administration,
One monthly professional development seminar after school on Mondays (Junior Academy),
Two-hour seminars on all CPS' designated professional development days.

OUTCOMES: The Consultant's services will:

- increase teachers' awareness of how to use assessment data to develop and drive instructional goals;
- increase teachers' proficiencies in using the Constructionist Framework to help students learn how to construct meaning;
- increase students' ability to use critical and creative thinking skills to construct meaning across curricula;
- enhance teachers' ability to teach students how to construct meaning utilizing graphic organizers (i.e., Venn Diagram; The Web);
- enhance a generally more accepting and cooperative partnership between teachers and students that regularly leads to increased motivation and achievement as measured by both teacher-made assessments and standardized tests.

COMPENSATION: A total of \$40,000.00 will be paid upon execution of contract and the remainder at completion of services

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Certified MBE/WBE by the City of Chicago

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Corliss High School on November 12, 2002

FINANCIAL:	Charge to Corliss High School: \$70,100.00	Fiscal Year: 2003
	Budget Classification: 280-432-0308-5410	Source of Funds: Fry Foundation Grant
	Budget Classification: 234-703-6224-5410	Source of Funds: SGSA

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, shall be 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, shall be 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 for Consideration:



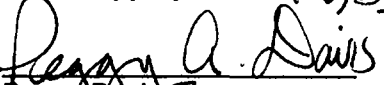
 Sean P. Murphy
 Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



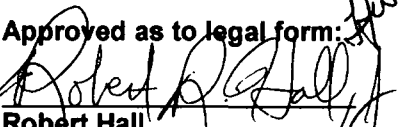
 Arne Duncan
 Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation: EGD/S



 Peggy Davis
 Chief Of Staff

Approved as to legal form: HW



 Robert Hall
 Acting General Counsel