

May 27, 2003

**APPROVE SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATION IN
LITIGATION WITH ELLEN STRAUSS v. BOARD
CASE NO. 02 C 1632**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT:

DESCRIPTION: Law Department attorneys have reached a settlement, subject to Board approval, of the case captioned Ellen Strauss v. Chicago Board of Education, No. 02 C 1632 (U.S. District Court). The General Counsel recommends this settlement, which provides for payment of \$200,000.00 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, and staffing of the plaintiff as a Homeless Student Liaison in the Homeless Education Program..

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

FINANCIAL: Charge \$200,000.00 to Law Department
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2003 0963-210-000-7072-5490

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to execute the Settlement Agreement, and all ancillary documents related thereto.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13., 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 is not 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 part of this agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0926-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made part of this agreement.

Approved,

RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel

Within Appropriation

PEGGY DAVIS
Chief of Staff