

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO DEPAUL CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES (Morton Career Academy)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to DePaul Center for Urban Education for consulting services provided to Morton Career Academy at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. These services were obtained without prior Board approval and the services are substantially completed. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the quality of its program as seen through its success in other schools and the DePaul "Connections" Program is aligned with the Illinois State Standards. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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TERM: Services were rendered from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant implemented school-wide spiral curriculum correlated with Illinois Learning Goals and Standards and Chicago Reading Initiative, emphasizing reading and writing across the curriculum and consistent instructional standards and assessment. Through ongoing staff development and peer coaching by teacher coaches and correlated administrative and teacher analysis of student work, the teaching staff increased student achievement as measured by the ISAT and ITBS. The program supported the Chicago Reading Initiative implementation and the Chicago Board of Education's Education Plan.

Consultant provided in-school workshops and classroom coaching and demonstrations and ongoing on-site applied professional development that incorporates peer coaching and school leadership development that is ongoing and reinforced during the school year.

Teachers received copies of teacher resource guide to support integrated reading, writing, and vocabulary development. They also received instructional guides at each workshop. Grade level/cycles identified priorities for increasing student learning and then developed grade-level strategies to accomplish those goals and assessments to determine the outcomes and identify areas for increased progress. Several teachers took the role of "Connector," supporting grade level and inter-grade enhancements through peer coaching, demonstrations, idea exchange, and leadership support.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant provided:

1. Minimum of 30 days of staff development
2. On-line curriculum linked to resources that develop the competencies correlated with the Chicago Reading Initiative
3. Course for Assessment Coordinator with correlated in-school application
4. Coordination of Connectors, including monitoring of on-line reporting
5. Assistance in planning school improvement
6. Connector workshops at DePaul or a Museum

- 7. CPDU recertification credit unit option for all workshops
- 8. Administrator forum once each semester
- 9. Ordering and orientation to teacher resources including computers or digital cameras for teachers
- 10. On-site workshops with subsequent evaluation reports
- 11. Ongoing reports on activities including on-line access to coaching reports Semester evaluations of teacher priorities

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services resulted in (a) an increase of student achievement in core curriculum as measured by ISAT and ITBS; (2) Teachers worked with increased clarity; (3) Students worked with increased focus and responsibility; (4) Administrators developed a structure to provide ongoing support for teacher development; and (5) Parent involvement expanded with focus on vocabulary, reading and writing.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: a lump sum not to exceed the sum of \$50,000.00.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION A review of the Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation was precluded due to contract being substantially completed.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Morton Career Academy on March 2, 2003.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Morton Career Academy: \$50,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2004
 Budget Classification: 6800-234-703-6221-5410 \$13,548.00 Source of Funds: 234 Funds
 Budget Classification: 6800-242-813-7673-5410 \$36,452.00 Source of Funds: 242 Funds
 Requisition Number: IM2490942, IM2434606, IM 2434615

Approved for Consideration:

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