

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE CHILDREN FIRST FUND
FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES RELATED TO THE
SECOND ANNUAL POWER OF PARENTS CONFERENCE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to the Children First Fund for the purchase of facilities, food and setup for the Office of Local School Council Relations for the Power of Parents Conference in the amount of \$84,500. This purchase was ordered without prior Board approval and all goods have been received. The site location was selected because of its availability and size.

Specification No.: 04-250132

VENDOR: Children First Fund
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Alyson Cooke, Executive Director
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USER: Office of Local School Council Relations
125 S. Clark Street, 5th Floor
James Deanes, Officer
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DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:

The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority ("Navy Pier") served as the venue for the Second Annual Power of Parents Conference. The conference occurred on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 and Wednesday, June 16, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Approximately 4,500 parents attended the event. Over 90 exhibitors and 30 workshop presenters participated. The parent attendees received continental breakfast and lunch, childcare, transportation to and from the conference, motivational speakers, presenters on how parents can become more involved in their child's education and an extensive exhibitor fair with educational resources and materials.

The Children First Fund ("CFF") provided the advance deposit needed to secure the space at Navy Pier, which included the catering. Additionally, CFF provided the advance deposit for Regency Exposition Services to provide the stage, draping, carpet, signage and technology needed to convert the hall space for the Parent Conference. The main area of the conference allowed all attendees to hear the guest speakers, receive breakfast and lunch, register and tour the exhibitor fair.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of local School Council Relations: \$84,500. Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0130-210-000-1460-5410 Source of Funds: General Education Funds
Requisition Number: [#]

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

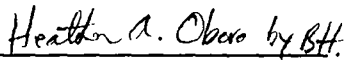
Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

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:


Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel