

August 25, 2004

AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF SERVICES FROM THE ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY AND FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PEER JURY PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the acceptance of a donation of services from the following sources for the following users.

DESCRIPTION:

1. FUNDING SOURCE: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
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ESTIMATED VALUE: \$75,000

PURPOSE: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has contracted with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for an evaluation of the CPS Peer Jury Program. The selection of FAU was through a competitive process under the state procurement guidelines. CPS staff participated in the review of proposals.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is a state agency that conducts their own evaluations, but also gives monies to other research institutions to conduct evaluations. For the Peer Jury Program evaluation, the money would be given to an evaluation team outside of the Criminal Justice Authority. Florida Atlantic University has been selected.

It is recommended that the evaluation project focus on two or three schools that are currently utilizing the Peer Jury Program and are implementing the program in a self-sufficient manner, Kennedy High School, Curie High School, and Senn High School. Schools were judged on the strength of the program within the school: (1) overall program buy-in, (2) how long the school has been implementing the program, (3) the number of peer jury hearings the school held last academic year, (4) the quality of the school's program record-keeping and documentation, and (5) administrative support for the program. However, ideally, the three target schools will be three qualitatively distinct schools, based on school demographic factors such as student racial/ethnic composition, location within Chicago, how students are assigned/recruited to the school (whether the school is a neighborhood school, a magnet school, etc.), the types of discipline problems the school faces, etc. Selecting different types of schools will enhance the utility of the evaluation.

FUNDING PERIOD: August 2004 – September 2005

BUDGET STATUS: No cost to Board.

CREDIT/CHARGE TO: N/A

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any required donation of services Agreement.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: None.

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:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



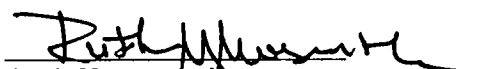
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel