

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOLASTIC, INCORPORATED
FOR THE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Scholastic, Incorporated for the purchase of instructional materials and services for the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$196,428.13. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided or materials received and no payment shall be made to vendor 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

VENDOR: Scholastic, Incorporated
P.O. Box 7502
Jefferson City, MO
65102-9968

Contact Person: Valerie Coffman
(815) 923-2042
(847) 922-0652
Vendor #: 14970

USER: Office of Specialized Services
125 S. Clark Street – 8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact person: Renee Grant-Mitchell, Ed. D.
773-553-1804

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence upon execution of the agreement and shall end January 25, 2007.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

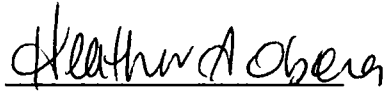
DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE: The instructional materials to be purchased are known as "Read 180". This curriculum provides comprehensive reading intervention for struggling students. In addition, vendor will provide the following services and software licenses: pre-installation technical audit to assure that the appropriate hardware and peripherals are in place at each school site and classroom; implementation training for principals, administrators and teachers; two licenses for the Scholastic Red Professional Development online course, READ 180: Best Practices for Reading Intervention; website maintenance for READ 180 teachers and administrators; and vendor's standard technical service plan.

OUTCOMES: The READ 180 reading intervention program will help students make quantifiable gains in reading achievement. This curriculum will provide the regular daily reading instruction, flexible grouping and intervention support that struggling readers need.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$196,428.13 in the aggregate.

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 Officer of Specialized Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

Approved for Consideration:



**Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer**

Approved:



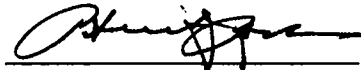
**Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer**

Within Appropriation:



**John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer**

Approved as to legal form: 



**Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel**