

April 25, 2001

**RATIFY A REQUEST FOR STATE WAIVER TO MAKE APRIL 25, 2001  
A NON-ATTENDANCE DAY FOR 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the application for a State Waiver to make April 25, 2001 a testing date for the State mandated Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) for all CPS 11<sup>th</sup> graders and require that April 25, 2001, be designated a non-attendance day for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

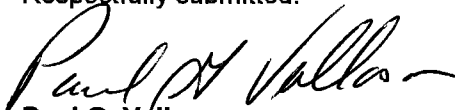
In compliance with the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.5g, a hearing was held on March 29, 2001, to receive public testimony concerning this application for waiver and the Chicago Teachers Union was notified by letter on March 22, 2001.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted:



**Paul G. Vallas**  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved for Consideration:



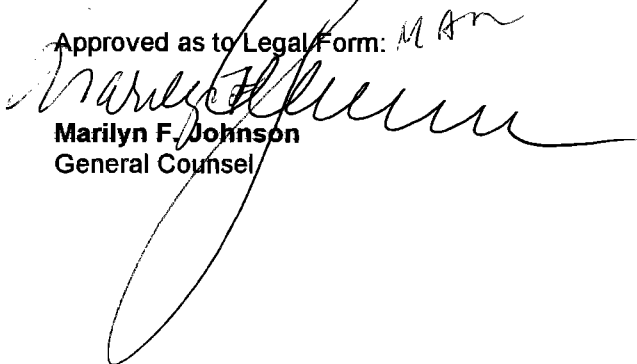
**Cozette Buckney**  
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Noted:



**Kenneth Gotsch**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: *M An*



**Marilyn F. Johnson**  
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