

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS AT 15 HIGH SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (the "Agreement") with the City of Chicago Department of Environment to implement environmental service learning projects at 15 high schools. The Board's Office of High School Development and the Department of Environment (DOE) desire to engage high school and elementary school students in meaningful service opportunities that develop and support sustainable improvements to the physical environment of neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago. A written agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of this Board Report.

<b>PARTIES:</b>	Board of Education Office of High School Development 125 South Clark Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Contact: Wilfredo Ortiz 773-553-3540	City of Chicago Department of Environment 30 North LaSalle, 25 <sup>th</sup> Floor Contact: Suzanne Malec Deputy Commissioner 312-744-7468
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**PROJECT:** This project is designed to implement classroom-based environmental service projects in 15 high schools, with participation by neighboring elementary schools. There are two types of projects: (1) community greening - students develop a landscape project at the school or on nearby community land, focusing on beautification and/or utilitarian gardens (i.e., vegetables), and (2) ecological management - students either develop a native landscape installation project (prairie, savanna, woodland or wetland) or rehabilitate a local ecosystem in need of assistance. The following high schools will participate: Community Greening: Chicago High School for Agricultural Science, Hancock, Manley, Marshall, Northside College Prep, Phillips, Roosevelt and one school to be added during the second semester. Ecological Management: Amundsen, Chicago Vocational, Clemente, Kelly, Kennedy and two schools to be added during the second semester.

**TERM:** This Agreement shall commence on the date the Agreement is signed, and shall continue until such time as either party provides the other party with a notice of termination.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Board is responsible for funding the Project and obtaining school participation. DOE will train the teachers, provide a curriculum, visit schools and work with students in the classroom, perform site evaluations of the land with teachers and students, provide all necessary tools, and work with teachers and students on site to install the garden and/or landscaping.

**CONTRIBUTION:** The Board's contribution to the project shall not exceed \$125,000.00 and will cover the following: curricula coordinator (\$35,360), field trips and transportation (\$15,000), office space and office costs (\$4,640), staff equipment (\$5,000) and garden materials (\$65,000). The DOE's contribution is non-monetary. It is providing the expertise. The DOE will train the teachers and work on site with teachers and students to design, install and develop a maintenance protocol for their project.

**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.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Not Applicable

**FINANCIAL:** The Chicago Public Schools, Office of High School Development, has secured funds through the BP Corporation's Division of Global Social Investment to undertake high school-based environmental service projects. The Board's contribution to this Project will not exceed \$125,000.  
Charge: \$125,000 (FY 01)  
Budget Classification: 0470-280-432-8010-5410

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**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.

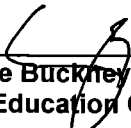
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

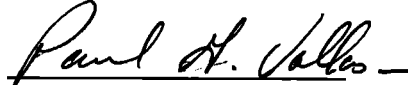
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:**

**Approved:**

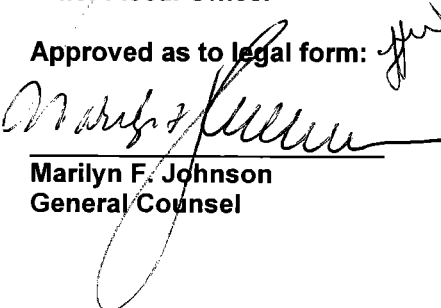
  
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**Within Appropriation:**

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel