

**AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAX RATE OBJECTION LITIGATION****THE GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Settlement of 1996-1998 Real Estate Tax Rate Objections.

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel recommends settlement of pending real estate tax objection litigation. From 1996 through 1998, various owners of real property located within Cook County filed objections to the real estate tax rate at which taxes were levied by the Board of Education and other taxing bodies for the years 1996-98. Based on litigation of these objections, settlement is recommended at the maximum payout figures below for each of the three years in question.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None.

**FINANCIAL:** The following amounts represent the maximum estimated payout under the settlement agreement. These sums shall constitute a set-off against prospective tax revenues:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Payout</u>
1996	\$533,770.00
1997	\$450,219.00
1998	\$458,191.00

The aggregate sum is \$1,462,180.00 which represents the maximum amount to be offset in tax revenue proceeds.

**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, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

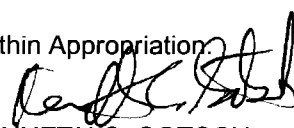
**Ethics -** The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**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,

  
MARILYN F. JOHNSON  
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Within Appropriation:

  
KENNETH C. GOTSCH  
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