

AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF FREE VISION CARE SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the acceptance of free vision care services to low-income and un- or under-insured CPS students through the Office of Specialized Services' Healthy Kids ... Healthy Minds Program. As a result of these donations up to 1,500 low-income and un- or under-insured CPS students will receive free optometric examinations and prescription glasses, if needed.

USER: Office of Specialized Services
Healthy Kids...Healthy Minds/ Expanded Vision Program
Contact: Denise Taylor
Phone: (773)-553-1839

SOURCE #1: Vision Service Plan
Sight for Students Program
3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Contact: Sandy Ward
Phone: 1-800-852-7600 x5115

DESCRIPTION: Vision Service Plan (VSP), through its Sight for Students Program will provide approximately 1,000 vouchers (valued at approximately \$100 each) for eye examinations and eyeglasses (as prescribed), to be redeemed at over 100 local optometric offices and clinics participating in the VSP vision care network. These vouchers will enable low-income CPS students to receive free diagnostic eye examinations and glasses, as needed. Each participating student will receive a voucher for free care, redeemable at a wide range of retail optometric sites around Chicago with which VSP has separately contracted. To qualify for the voucher program, students must: 1) have no third-party insurance coverage for vision care services; and 2) fail school-based vision screening. Students who have lost or broken their glasses also may qualify for the program. Parents or guardians will be responsible for scheduling appointments and transporting students to the office sites.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$100,000

SOURCE #2: Prevent Blindness America
500 E. Remington Road
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173-5611
Contact: Tod Turriff, VP for Programs & Information Services
Phone: (888)-331-2020 X316 Fax: 847/843-8458

DESCRIPTION: Prevent Blindness America, in partnership with VSP, will act as the local administrator of VSP's Sight for Students Program. Prevent Blindness America will be the Program's liaison to the Chicago Public Schools and will, specifically, manage voucher distribution, coordinate program activities with participating providers and maintain appropriate data management and monitoring systems.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$10,000

SOURCE #3: LensCrafters, Inc./Gift of Sight Program
 8650 Governor's Hill Drive
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
 Contact: Susan Knobler
 513-583-6000

DESCRIPTION: LensCrafters will provide up to 500 free eye examinations (valued at approximately \$30 each) and prescribed eyeglasses (valued at approximately \$70 each) through its Gift of Sight program. All services will be provided in a mobile van fully equipped to offer comprehensive optometric services. The van, which travels to sites around the country, is scheduled to visit the Chicago Public Schools for 3-5 days in the Fall of 2001, and will be located at one, Board-designated school. Students from neighboring schools also may participate in the program. Prior to providing these services at the Board-designated school, LensCrafters will be required to execute the Board's indemnification agreement and deliver such document to the Board's Chief Specialized Services Officer.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$50,000

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any required donation acceptance agreements for the above-referenced donations. Authorize the Chief Officer of Specialized Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this donation.

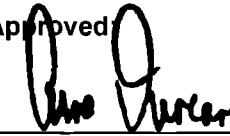
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.


Approved for Consideration:


 Barbara Eason-Watkins
 Chief Education Officer

Approved 
 Arne Duncan
 Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


 Kenneth C. Gotsch
 Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form: 
 Marilyn F. Johnson
 General Counsel