

02-0227-PR10

APPROVE THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the continued funding of environmental service learning projects ("Project") at a cost not to exceed \$125,000 for the 2001-2002 school year. Pursuant to an existing Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA"), the Board, in conjunction with the City of Chicago's Department of Environment (DOE), provides students from 16 high schools with environmental service opportunities that develop and support sustainable improvements to the physical environment of neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago. No written document is required for the continuation of the IGA, but Board approval is necessary to authorize funding for DOE reimbursements for the 2001-2002 school year. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original IGA dated April 9, 2001 (authorized by Board Report #01-0124-PR25) approved funding in the amount of \$125,000 for the 2000-2001 school year. The IGA is for a continuous term subject to subsequent funding approval(s) by the Board to support Project operations in future school years.

FUNDING PERIOD: Funding for this Project shall be continued for the 2001-2002 school year.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This cooperative Project provides classroom-based environmental service learning opportunities to 16 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 (e.g. 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 are participating in the program: Amundsen, Bowen, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Clemente, Hancock, Juarez, Kelly, Kennedy, Manley, Marshall, Northside College Prep, Phillips, Roosevelt, Von Steuben, Washington and Westinghouse.

RESPONSIBILITIES: CPS is responsible for obtaining school participation and for reimbursing the DOE for certain Project costs. DOE trains the teachers, provides a curriculum, visits schools and works with students in the classroom, performs site evaluations of the land with teachers and students, provides all necessary tools, and works with teachers and students on site to install the garden and/or landscaping.

CONTRIBUTIONS: The Board shall reimburse the DOE for operating and materials costs not to exceed \$125,000. The DOE provides support personnel, resources and technical assistance to operate the environmental service learning projects at each of the 16 high schools. The costs are as follows: \$10,000 for eleven high schools installing native landscapes, and \$3,000 for five high schools who are maintaining installations.

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


AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not Applicable

FINANCIAL: The Office of High School Development has received a grant from BP Corporation's Division of Global Social Investment to provide high school-based environmental service projects.
Charge to Office of High School Development: \$125,000 FY 2002
Budget Classification: 0470-280-432-0302-5410

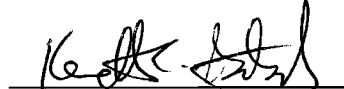
Approved for Consideration:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

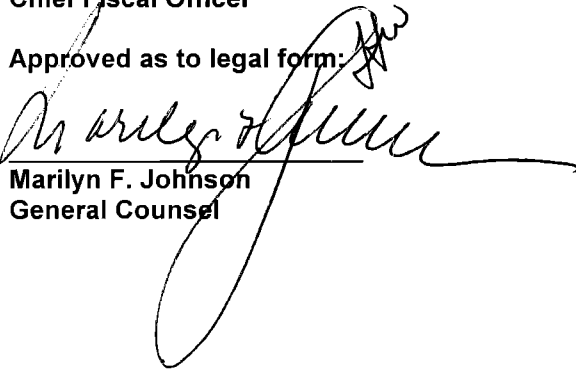
Approved:


Arne Duncan (by FA)
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

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General Counsel