

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 6.64 ACRES OF LAND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
55TH AND ST. LOUIS AVENUE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL TO RELIEVE
OVERCROWDING IN THE SANDOVAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the purchase of the 6.64 acre site at the northwest corner of 55th Street and South St. Louis for the construction of a new school to relieve overcrowding in the Sandoval School Attendance Area. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to the purchase is as follows:

SELLER: Grand Trunk Western Railway
C/o Canadian National Railway Properties, Inc.
277 Front Street West 8th Floor
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 2X7

DESCRIPTION: Vacant 6.64 acre site located at the northwest corner of 55th Street and St. Louis Avenue in the West Elsdon and Gage Park Communities. PIN 19-11-400-001, 002 and 005.

PURCHASE PRICE: \$1,736,000

PURPOSE/USE: To acquire property for the construction of a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding in the Sandoval School Attendance Area.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement, including acceptable environmental conditions. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute Agreement. Authorize the General Counsel to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Exempt.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Operations Department: \$1,736,000
Budget Classification No: 6430-454-000-9311-5710
Fiscal Year: 2003
Source of Funds: Capital Improvement

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 member 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:



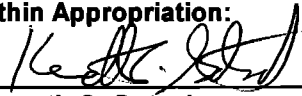
Timothy Moran
Chief Operating Officer

Approved:



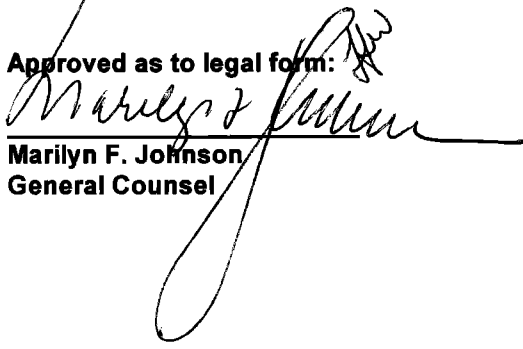
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel