

OMNIBUS REPORT: REFUND/RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED GRANTS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the refund/return of the following previously accepted grants because such refunds/returns exceed 10% of the original grant awards.

1. FUNDING SOURCE: Illinois State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT REFERENCE: 02-0424-ED03

RECEIVING SCHOOL/UNIT: Office of Specialized Services

ORIGINAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$3,000,000

REFUND AMOUNT: \$1,100,826

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To comply with the Corey H. Improvement Process: to monitor a maximum of 135 Chicago Public Schools this school year to insure compliance with Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) mandates of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Corey H. Continuous Improvement Process intends to make systemic changes within each school that will result in consistent LRE practices in compliance with federal and state requirements and to verify that systemic changes have been made through improved student outcomes.

REASON FOR REFUND/RETURN: The original approved grant application for FY02 was for \$3,000,000. This amount was based on an assumption that ISBE would monitor and/or approve plans for 100 schools to correct LRE issues found by the agency. CPS schools access the funding based on their approved LRE plans. ISBE froze grant payments at \$1,620,000 because the agency was unable to monitor and/or approve plans for all of the 100 schools. CPS submitted an amended budget to ISBE on 5-30-02 for \$986,506 based on the ISBE monitoring that was actually completed, the subsequent corrective action plans approved and funds loaded at the school units, which reached only 36 schools. Final liquidated expenditures for the school programs totaled \$519,174. CPS will receive the balance of the \$3,000,000 in subsequent years as ISBE monitors more schools and approves corrective action plans.

FUNDING PERIOD: July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

BUDGET CLASSIFICATION: Sundry-239-735-7727-objects

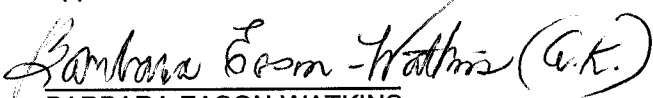
AUTHORIZATION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The unspent grant funds will be returned to the respective funding sources.

Approved for Consideration:


 BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
 Chief Education Officer


Approved:

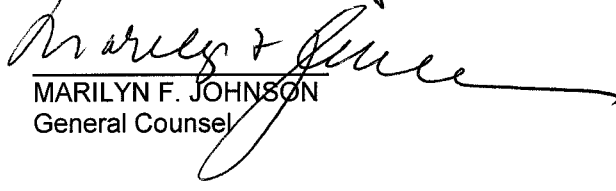

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