

February 25, 2003

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY
FOR A MASTERS PROGRAM IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR FACE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with St. Xavier University for a Masters program in special education for FACE Program Participants at a cost not to exceed \$102,000.00. These courses began without prior Board approval. St. Xavier was selected on a non-competitive basis because it offers the courses leading to the new Type 10 Learning and Behavior Specialist I certificate; it offers the Board a 20% tuition reduction; and it agrees to hold tuition fees constant for the duration of the Program. A written agreement for these courses is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to St. Xavier prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

VENDOR: St. Xavier University
3700 W. 103rd Street
Chicago, IL 60655
Contact: Candace Baker
773-298-3340
Vendor #43073

USER: Office of Specialized Services
125 S. Clark St.—8th floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact person: Dr. Lillian Gonzalez
Phone: 773-553-3381

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on February 1, 2003 and shall end August 31, 2003. This agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of 12 months each. During the first renewal period (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004), the total costs are not expected to exceed \$153,000.00, and during the second renewal period (September 1, 2004- August 31, 2005), the total costs are not expected to exceed \$127,500.00.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: 60 days notice by the Board.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: St. Xavier will offer courses leading to special education certification with a Learning and Behavior Specialist I endorsement and a Masters degree to a cohort of 25 FACE Program Participants (FPPs), job code 00000014, working in Chicago Public Schools' special education programs. Participants will have passed the Illinois Basic Skills Test and will be taking the graduate course work leading to a masters degree and certification in special education.

DELIVERABLES: During the term, St. Xavier will offer a core curriculum to the cohort consisting of four (4) courses of three credit hours each, for a total of 12 credit hours. The courses will be offered during the Spring 2003 and Summer 2003 terms and will be restricted to the FPPs.

OUTCOMES: Twenty-five FPPs working in Chicago Public Schools' special education programs will take classes leading to a masters degree and certification in special education with Learning and Behavior Specialist I endorsements. Each Participant will sign an agreement that requires them to complete the Program within four (4) years of beginning the Program, and requires them to work in special education positions in the Chicago Public Schools for a period of not less than four years after completing the Program and receiving their certification, if such positions are offered to them. Participants who fail to fulfill these requirements will be required to repay a percentage of the tuition payments that the Board made on their behalf under the Program. The repayment amount will be established by a *pro rata* formula developed by the Board's Alternative Certification Program Manager.

COMPENSATION: St. Xavier will provide cohort courses at the rate of \$400.00 per credit hour for each

Participant. The Board will pay 85% of this cost and during the term of this agreement, the Board's share of the tuition payments will not exceed \$102,000.00, to be invoiced and paid prior to June 30, 2003. Participants will pay St. Xavier 15% of the tuition costs and St. Xavier will be responsible for this billing and collection.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the *contract is for tuition payment.*

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$102,000.00 Fiscal Year: FY2003
Budget Classification: 0966-239-699-1607-5560 (FY03) Source of Funds: 239 Title II

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.

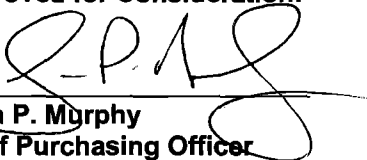
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, 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.

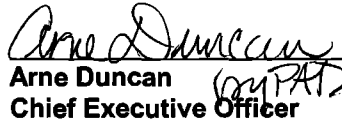
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



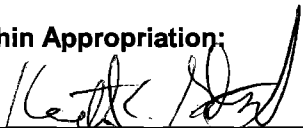
Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



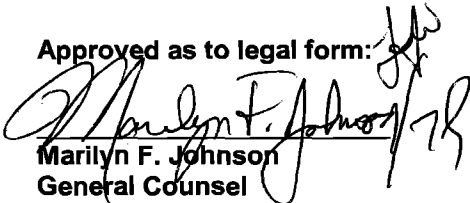
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel