

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
FOR THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2003-2004 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to the Council of the Great City Schools for the cost of the Chicago Public Schools' annual membership in that organization for the 2003-2004 school year, in the amount of \$41,997.00. No written agreement is necessary for this matter. Information pertinent to this membership is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250145

ORGANIZATION: Council of the Great City Schools
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USER: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
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DESCRIPTION: The Council of the Great City Schools is a membership organization composed of 58 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission centers solely on the improvement of public schools for urban youth. The Council joins together urban school districts of unusually large size (cities with populations over 250,000 or student enrollments over 35,000) whose students come from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The Council also serves as a focal point for information exchange, conferencing and networking among urban school districts with similar interests, concerns and challenges. The legislative advocacy efforts are estimated to bring more than \$170 million in extra federal funds to urban districts or about \$93 for every dollar in dues. The Council is listed as one of the four most effective education groups in Washington, and is considered one of the 300 most powerful organizations on Capitol Hill in any field.

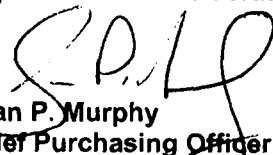
PAYMENT: The Council of the Great City Schools shall be paid the sum of \$41,997, which represents the annual membership fee for the district.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

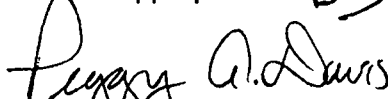
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council Approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-Wide Education Services: \$41,997.00 Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5420 Source of Funds: Education Fund, 210


Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer


Within Appropriation: DS


Peggy A. Davis
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Approved:


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Chief Executive Officer

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