

AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF FREE VISION CARE SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the acceptance of free vision care services to low-income or under-insured CPS students through the Office of Specialized Services' Expanded Vision Program. As a result of these donations, up to 2,000 low-income and un- or under-insured CPS students will receive free optometric examinations and prescription glasses, if needed.

USER DEPT: Office of Specialized Services
Expanded Vision Program
125 South Clark Street, 8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact: Toni Rubino
Phone: (773) 553-1912

SOURCE #1: Vision Service Plan
Sight for Students Program
3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Contact: Sandy Ward
Phone: (800) 852-7600 ext. 5086

DESCRIPTION: Vision Service Plan (VSP), through its Sight for Students Program will provide approximately 2,000 vouchers (valued at approximately \$175 each) for eye examinations and eyeglasses (as prescribed), to be redeemed at over 100 local optometric offices and clinics participating in the VSP vision care network. These vouchers will enable low-income CPS students to receive free diagnostic eye examinations and glasses, as needed. Each participating student will receive a voucher for free care, redeemable at a wide range of retail optometric sites around Chicago with which VSP separately contracted. To qualify for the voucher program, students must: 1) have no third-party insurance coverage for vision care services and 2) fail school-based vision screening. Students who have lost or broken their glasses also may qualify for the program. Parents or guardians will be responsible for scheduling appointments and transporting the student to the office site.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$350,000.00

SOURCE #2: Prevent Blindness America
500 E. Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173-5611
Contact: Jeff Todd
Phone: (800) 331-2020 ext. 314

DESCRIPTION: Prevent Blindness America, in partnership with VSP, will act as the local administrator of VSP's Sight for Students Program. Prevent Blindness America will be the Program's liaison to CPS and will specifically manage voucher distribution, coordinate program activities with participating providers and maintain appropriate data management and monitoring systems.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$10,000.00

SOURCE #3: LensCrafters
8650 Governor's Hill Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45242
Contact: Susan Knobler
Phone: (513) 583-6000

DESCRIPTION: LensCrafters will provide up to 200 free eye examinations (valued at approximately \$ 45.00 each) and prescribe eyeglasses (valued at approximately \$ 130.00 each) through its Gift of Sight Program. All Services will be provided in a mobile van fully equipped to offer comprehensive optometric services. The van, which travels to sites around the county, is scheduled to visit CPS for 2 days in the fall of 2003, and will be located at one Board-designated school. Students from neighboring schools also may participate in the program. Prior to providing these services at the Board-designated school, LensCrafters will be required to execute the Board indemnification agreement and deliver such document to the Board's Chief Specialized Services Officer.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATION: \$35,000.00

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any required donation acceptance agreements for the above-referenced donations. Authorize the Chief Officer of Specialized Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this donation.

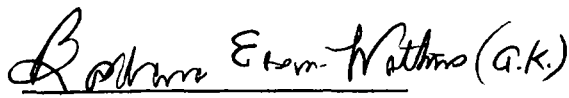
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.


AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

Approved for Consideration:

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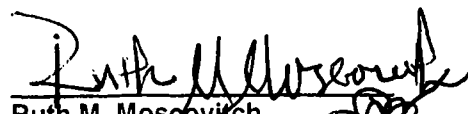

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