

**MOTION - ACCEPT THREE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS UNDER  
THE NATIONAL URBAN/RURAL FELLOWS,  
CLASS OF 2004, MENTORING PROGRAM**

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board of Education accept three Special Assistants under the mentoring program for the National Urban/Rural Fellows, Class of 2004, and provide \$150,000 to National Urban Fellows, Inc., (NUF) as the Board's mentoring contribution.

As part of their fellowships leading to Masters Degrees in Public Administration, the NUF fellows will primarily work on the following projects: Esteban Duran will be assigned to the Office of the Board and will assist in the attendance improvement initiative; special events such as Principal-for-a-Day, the Chicago Board of Education College Textbook Scholarship, Parental Involvement activities, Board reports and policy briefings as well as communications related work; Javier Lopez will be assigned to the Chief Education Office and will assist with the Math and Science Initiative, Reading Initiative, Professional Development of School Leaders, Making the connection of school to working careers; Hyunae Chang will be assigned to the Chief Executive Office and will assist with the Human Capital Initiative, System Accountability, No Child Left Behind, and Marketing our Neighborhood schools.

NUF, Inc. was founded in 1969 as a cooperative project of Yale University, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Through its fellowship programs, NUF, Inc., provides rigorous academic preparation at the Master's graduate level combined with an experiential mentorship. The organization and its fellowships stand as the model for leadership training for individuals from traditionally underrepresented communities, across the country and Europe. In its 30-year history, NUF, Inc. has qualified over 750 men and women for executive positions in public and private institutions.

**Budget Classifications:**

Board Office:	0010-210-000-1071-5410	\$50,000
Chief Education Office:	0950-210-000-2072-5410	\$50,000
Chief Executive Office:	0950-210-000-1005-5410	\$50,000