

AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize tuition payments to American College of Education for advanced degrees in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership at a cost not to exceed \$10,080,000. Selection of the University was based on its program delivery model which is targeted toward urban educators and includes online learning, professor lectures and classroom experience as a practicum. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: America College of Education shall offer two graduate level degreed programs to 2,400 Chicago Public Schools teachers leading to Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction or Master of Education in Educational Leadership. The first cohort for Curriculum and Instruction will consist of no more than 800 teachers. Each program involves 12 courses for a total of 48 quarter hours over a period of 18 months. Several enrollment periods will be advertised.

PARTICIPANTS: All candidates must be current Chicago Public Schools employee, hold a current, valid Illinois initial teaching certificate and bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or higher to apply for either the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction or Master of Education in Educational Leadership. If the participant will pursue the Master of Education in Educational Leadership, participant must additionally secure an endorsement from a Chicago Public Schools principal, Area Instructional Officer, or Department Director/Officer. The endorsement criteria for Educational Leadership must include observed leadership qualities. Endorsing principals will agree to mentor degree candidates throughout their program. Each participant shall reimburse the Board 100% of the program tuition costs in the amount of \$4,200 (\$3,900 for tuition, and \$300 for CPS administration and technology fees) through lump sum payment or payroll deductions over the course of 18 months. Cohort reimbursement will not exceed \$10,080,000.00. Participants who fail to fulfill their respective requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the program.

OUTCOMES: Program participants will earn a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction or a Master of Education in Educational Leadership over a period of 18 month.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments to American College of Education during the payment period shall not exceed \$10,080,000.00 which is \$4,200 per participant. 25% of the tuition costs for each cohort will be paid to American College of Education within 90 days of the start date of that cohort, with the remainder to be paid within six (6) months of its start date.

AUTHORIZATION: The Chief Human Resources Officer is authorized to direct payments to be made to the institution as necessary.

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

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

FINANCIAL: Department of Human Resources: \$10,080,000.00
Budget Classification: 11070-115-54125-221311-000000 (0913-210-000-1572-5410)
Source of Funds: Liability Account (Program costs will be paid by employees through payroll deductions with no cost to the Board)
Fiscal Year 2007: \$3,460,000.00
Fiscal Year 2008: \$4,200,000.00
Fiscal Year 2009: \$2,520,000.00

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 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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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:



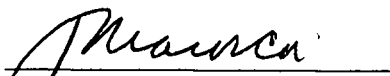
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Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



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Approve as to legal form: 



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