APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL TUITION PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO FOR STUDENTS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES AND/OR SEVERE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve out of district tuition payments to public schools outside of Chicago for students with severe disabilities and/or severe substance abuse problems. No written agreement is required for these tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

USER: Office of Specialized Services
Citywide School Pupil Support
125 S. Clark Street
8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

TERM: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: Payments of tuition on a per capita basis are made for students who are residents of the Chicago Public School district and attend public schools outside Chicago. Fifty-four of these students have been placed residentially through a state agency and reside too far from Chicago to be transported to Chicago Public Schools; 87 students require special education services that are unavailable in our district due to their unique and complex needs. The number of students requiring these out of district placements will vary during the year and is based on needs of each student.

SERVICES: The out of district public schools allow these students to attend school in the area in which the students are living.

DELIVERABLES: The out of district public schools send progress reports to the CPS Case Manager.

OUTCOMES: This program allows the Board to meet the needs of students in the least restrictive environment.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: Particular purchases related to tuition payments will be reported periodically in accordance with Rules of the Board of Education. Reimbursement for transportation costs, to schools that provide transportation services to students as part of their program will be reviewed and authorized by the Chief Specialized Services Officer, not to exceed \$75,000.00 in the aggregate.

Charge to: Citywide School Pupil Support - \$2,275,000.00

Budget Classification: 0959-210-002-7073-5560 - \$2,200,000.00 - FY02

0959-220-481-3821-5510 - \$75,000.00

Fund: 210 - General Educational Fund

Fund: 220 - Fed.Sp.Ed.IDEA

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Chief Education Officer

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