PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 18-8.05(H) OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the Preliminary Plan for the Improvement of Instruction for Disadvantaged Students in the Chicago Public Schools to be submitted by July 15, 2004 to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for the school year 2004-2005, as required in Section 18-8.05(H) of The Illinois School Code, as revised by P.A. 90-548. A copy of the Plan is on file in the Office of the Board.

DESCRIPTION:

This Preliminary Plan has been developed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education. This Plan provides for a broad spectrum of activities that enrich the quality of the educational program in each school by providing additional instructional and supportive services to children and includes an evaluation component that will measure the effectiveness of these activities.

A minimum of \$261 million is to be earmarked for supplementary programs in fiscal 2005. The regulations require that a Preliminary Plan for the expenditure of these funds be submitted to the ISBE by July 15, 2004.

LSC REVIEW:

Plans for the use of the Supplemental General State Aid, formerly State Chapter 1, have been approved by the local school councils.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REVIEW:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL:

Total appropriations for the Preliminary Plan are provided in the School Budget for 2004-2005.

This contract is not legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of provisions 105ILCS 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.

Each party to this agreement hereby acknowledges that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago School 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.

The Board of Education Ethics Code (95-0927-RU3) adopted September 27, 1995, and as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made part of the Contract as if fully set forth herein.

The Board of Education Indebtedness Policy (95-0726-EX3) adopted July 26, 1995, and as amended (96-0626-PO3) on June 26, 1996, is hereby incorporated into and made part of this Contract as if fully set forth herein.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Implementation of this Board action may result in the establishment of new school-level positions during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Approved for Consideration:

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Chief Education Officer

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JOHN MAIORCA
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ARNE DUNCAN

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