

OMNIBUS REPORT: AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the acceptance of the following grants from the following sources for the following users:

1. **FUNDING SOURCE:** **Illinois State Board of Education**
RECEIVING SCHOOL/UNIT: Office of Specialized Services
AMOUNT: \$422,625
PURPOSE: To implement the **Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance Program (STAR NET)**. To provide technical assistance and training to administrators, teachers in preschool special education, early childhood regular primary education, parents and community service providers who assist children with special needs and their families. This grant includes funding for employment of a Project Director, two Resource Specialists and a Family Specialist.
FUNDING PERIOD: October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002
BUDGET STATUS: Pending budget allocation
CREDIT/CHARGE TO: 0966-220-730-1607-objects

2. **FUNDING SOURCE:** **Illinois State Board of Education**
RECEIVING SCHOOL/UNIT: Office of Specialized Services:
Pupil Support Services: Social Work Unit
AMOUNT: \$400,000
PURPOSE: To support the **Local Area Networks (LANs) Program Initiative** in collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services. The LAN initiative provides technical assistance and support to local schools in assessing services to children and their families through the LANs and Wraparound processes.
FUNDING PERIOD: September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002
BUDGET STATUS: Pending budget allocation
CREDIT/CHARGE TO: 0965-220-767-2060/7727-objects \$394,200
0965-220-767-7660/7727-objects \$ 5,800
(0950-220-551-7660-5940)

3. **FUNDING SOURCE:** U. S. Department of Education, **(See Note Below)**
Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)
- RECEIVING SCHOOL/UNIT: Office of ~~Equal Education Opportunity Programs~~ Academic Enhancement
(Magnet Cluster Initiative)
- AMOUNT: ~~\$772,126~~ \$723,000
- PURPOSE: **To further strengthen the existing Magnet Cluster Initiative and develop university partnerships.** This grant will assist teachers seeking Illinois state certification and special endorsement by providing tuition assistance for courses at local universities; it will also help teachers implement learned skills by providing funds for professional materials.
- FUNDING PERIOD: From the date of the execution of the agreement through July 8, 2002
- BUDGET STATUS: Pending budget allocation
- CREDIT/CHARGE TO: Sundry units-239-298-8984-sundry objects
(0950-239-970-7783-5990)

Note: This is an amendment to Grant Item #2 on Board report 01-0822-ED4 in order to (1) correct a typographical error in that report that showed the grant amount as \$772,126 instead of the correct grant amount of \$722,126 and (2) to reflect a subsequent grant increase of \$874 awarded October, 2001.

4. **FUNDING SOURCE:** Illinois State Board of Education
- RECEIVING SCHOOL/UNIT: Office of Specialized Services
- AMOUNT: \$1,483,637
- PURPOSE: To improve **services to preschool students with disabilities.**
- FUNDING PERIOD: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002
- BUDGET STATUS: Pending budget allocation
- CREDIT/CHARGE TO: 0966-220-789-2685-5990

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: Expenditures of grant funds in excess of \$10,000 are subject to additional prior Board approval. In the event grant funds are not expended in accordance with the grant and are required to be returned to the funding source, up to 10% of the grant award may be so returned without further Board action. The return of any grant funds in excess of 10% of the grant award shall be reported to and approved by the Board.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and the Secretary to execute any required grant acceptance agreements for the above-referenced grant awards.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable and/or required at this time. Local school council approval at the respective receiving schools will be obtained when the schools determine the manner in which the grant funds will be expended.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The Budget Office received notices of these grant awards during the months of October and November, 2001.

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 Trustees 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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics -- The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), 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 to be a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

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Approved:

ARNE DUNCAN
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Within Appropriation:

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