

January 23, 2002

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THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF M. BEATRIZ ARIAS, PH. D., TO CONDUCT HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DIVERSITY AND INTEGRITY

Retention of the expert services of M. Beatriz Arias, Ph.D.

DESCRIPTION: The Board authorized a focused analysis of the district's progress in achievement of the federal desegregation consent decree to which it has been subject since 1980. The department seeks to retain several individuals to accomplish this task. Those

individuals will collect and examine the available data relevant to specific programs/ goals under the consent decree. These include, but are not limited to, the following areas: bilingual education programs, bilingual education programs, transportation, and facility maintenance and construction.

Following the experts' review, we anticipate that each will generate a summary report assessing historical achievements and, correspondingly, identifying and making recommendations wherein we need improvement. The Board will then use that information to take action.

Individuals will coordinate a viable future plan regarding the consent decree.

We expect the bilingual education program to be reviewed by Dr. Beatriz Arias, Ph.D. Dr. Arias has extensive experience in the field of bilingual education, including her work with the Office of Bilingual Education and Research from 1980 to 1996. Well known in the bilingual education field, Dr. Arias has performed numerous grants relative to the improvement of bilingual education resources. She has received numerous fellowships and honors in the bilingual area and has provided expert/consultant services in a number of public school desegregation cases across the nation, including Texas (2000-01), Oakland, California (1984-85); Denver Colorado (1981-84), and Santa Barbara California (1979).

In addition to reviewing the multitude of bilingual materials maintained by the bilingual education administrators and staff to gain further insight into the conduct on site visits to district schools which have historically been less than successful. Dr. Arias ultimately will provide detailed analyses and opinions on the issue of the district's compliance with the consent decree bilingual program goals, presently and historically, and offer recommendations for the future. We expect that a draft report will issue in April of 2002.

As detailed in attached prospectus prepared by Dr. Arias, the projected cost for her complete services will be approximately \$25,000.00. An estimate of \$10,000.00 will be paid in two installments — one on February 28, 2002 and the second on April 5, 2002. The General Counsel requested that she submit hourly billing statements to the law department on a monthly basis.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT: The General Counsel has determined that no affirmative action statement is required.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The General Counsel has determined that no financial statement is required.

GENERAL CO**CONDITIONS:**

Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/14-1, the General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and personnel necessary that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

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105 ILCS 5/14-1 which protects the employment of public officials or contractors to former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby 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, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

the current fiscal budget(s)

Contingent Liability. - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year but

Approved

MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel

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