

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continued retention of the law firm Holland & Knight, LLP.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has continued retention of the law firm Holland & Knight, LLP in the negotiation of agreements with various consultants for continued implementation of instructional development and assessment systems related to high school transformation and other transactional matters. Additional authorization for the firm's services is requested in the amount of \$60,000. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: \$60,000.00. The Board of Education has authorized the General Counsel to incur the cost of the law firm's services in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the fiscal year 2009.

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 Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain