## AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE AVID SUMMER INSTITUTE 2004 PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of 175 CPS educators in the AVID Summer Institute 2004 program that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, during the period of June 26 to July 1, 2004, and authorize travel and lodging expenses related to the program, not to exceed \$195,000. Information pertinent to this Program is stated below:

**USER:** Office of High School Programs

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**PROGRAM:** Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: AVID is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The mission is to ensure that all students, especially students in the middle, capable of completing a college preparatory path, will: (1) succeed in the most rigorous curriculum, (2) enter mainstream activities of the school, (3) increase their enrollment in four-year colleges, and (4) become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society. AVID's successful implementation is based on several program components: the AVID school wide curriculum, the support for students in college preparatory courses, the AVID elective and data collection and analysis. The key to this success is practical and effective professional development for educators during the AVID Summer Institutes held each year from June to August. Participants will: (1) know and understand the mission of AVID and the role of the AVID academic elective in achieving the mission, (2) know and understand how AVID is a catalyst for a school wide reform effort, (3) understand WIC-R (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading) as the basis for instruction across the curriculum, (4) understand the role of the individual as a member of an AVID site team, (5) participate with a site team to develop a school wide action plan, and (6) integrate curriculum using school and district vertical teams.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Travel arrangements for the AVID Summer Institute 2004 event are being made by C.E.M. Travel Services, Inc. Lodging arrangements for the AVID Summer Institute 2004 event are being made directly by CPS with the Hilton Atlanta and Sheraton Atlanta Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia.

**COST:** The per educator cost for the summer institute is \$1,115.00, which includes transportation and lodging accommodations. The costs will be paid by the Department of Postsecondary Education using fiscal year 2004 funds. In addition a grant from The Dell Family Foundation will be supporting each CPS school with an additional \$12,500 towards training, the AVID school library and AVID membership.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any agreements covering the summer institute and related travel and lodging expenses.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High School Programs: \$195,000 Fiscal Year: 2004

Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-1720-5500 Source of Funds: Education Fund, 210

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