

**APPROVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE COURSEWORK FOR THE
MAGNET CLUSTER INITIATIVE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to the universities listed below to provide coursework for the Magnet Cluster Initiative at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 in the aggregate. These courses will contribute full credit towards the degree requirements.

to send teachers in the Magnet Cluster Initiative to university courses that will result in full certification, endorsement, degree, or, in some cases, the teacher will receive a program, such as a series of courses that results in a certificate or a graduate certificate. In these cases the funds will be used to pay for a single course. Universities will be paid directly by the Office of Academic Enhancement. The Office of Academic Enhancement will fund only those courses that have been approved by the curriculum and instruction unit for the Office of Academic Enhancement.

Enhance

U. COMMUNITY Through this program, each school in the magnet cluster initiative will have two outside teachers taking on the role of mentors to improve their teaching strategies in the magnet program area of focus or another curricular area closely related to the magnet program area of focus. This will increase the quality of instructional delivery and the availability of the full subject area expertise needed to teach them. These schools will be able to hire outside teachers, resources, and equipment to support the magnet program area of focus. This will also allow the magnet cluster to have more consistent and higher quality lessons taught throughout the magnet cluster.

ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the M/WBE Plan, this contract is exempt from review under the M/WBE Plan due to the fact that this expenditure is for tuition requirements.

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