

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS  
FOR THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2004-2005 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve a payment to the Council of the Great City Schools for the cost of the Chicago Public Schools' annual membership in that organization for the 2004-2005 school year, in the amount of \$42,736. Continued membership is required and is effectuated by payment of the annual membership fee. Therefore, no written agreement is required for the payment of the annual membership fee. Pertinent information is stated below.

**ORGANIZATION:** Council of the Great City Schools  
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**DESCRIPTION:** The Council of the Great City Schools is a membership organization composed of 61 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission centers solely on the improvement of public schools for urban youth. The Council joins together urban school districts of unusually large size (cities with populations over 250,000 or student enrollments over 25,000) whose students come from diverse cultural and ethnic