

August 25, 2004

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (NCA)  
FOR ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION DUES**

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

Approve payment of annual accreditation dues to North Central Association for 75 high schools for the 2004-2005 school year at a cost of \$49,500.00 which includes \$4,500 due for nine new small high schools that were added during the 2003-2004 school year. The North Central Association has been the accrediting agency for

the Chicago Public high schools for the past 100 plus years. Continued membership is required for accreditation and is effectuated by payment of the annual membership fee. Therefore, no written agreement is required for payment of annual accreditation dues. Pertinent information is stated below.

**SPECIFICATION NO.:** 03-250188

**VENDOR:** North Central Association  
Arizona State University  
P.O. Box 871705

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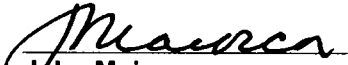
**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of Research, Evaluation & Accountability: \$49,500.00 FY 2005  
Budget Classification: 0012-210-000-7081-5420 Source of Funds: Gen. Ed Fund

**Approved for Consideration:**



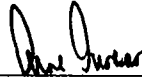
**Barbara Eason Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



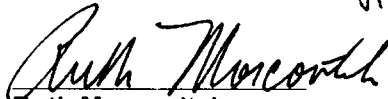
**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**



**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 



**Ruth Moscovitch**  
General Counsel