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March 27, 2002

AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
BANNER & WITCOFF

GENERAL CONTRACTS - PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Continued retention of the law firm Banner & Witcoff.

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the Illinois Department of Public Health in its defense of the Board of Education v. the United States Department of Justice, et al., U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, Case No. 01-1344, et al. Authorization is requested in the amount of \$25,000.00 to cover costs of investigation, review, and preparation for trial.

is not applicable to this report.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval

REASON: None

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

Contract, Legal and Supportive Services/Professional Services, Item # 0014-210400-1000-5410, FINANCIAL: Charge \$25,000.00 to Law Department, Classification: Fiscal Year 2002, Bidder: Banner & Witcoff

Investigations by the Board of Education into the conduct of certain investigations and grand jury subpoenas issued to members of the Board of Education and former members of the Board of Education, and the Board of Education's failure to provide the Board of Education with the names of persons who were interviewed or interrogated during the course of investigations.

In addition, the Board of Education has entered into an agreement with the law firm of Banner & Witcoff, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting investigations and preparing for trial, in accordance with section 10B of the Illinois Constitution, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during their term of office and for one year period following expiration of, or immediate termination of,