TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education
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Agenda Topic: Chicago Public School District 299
FY03 Supplemental General State Aid Plan

Materials: Supplemental General State Aid Contravention Report
Executive Summary, Motion

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Purpose of Agenda Item

Approval of Chicago Public School District 299 Supplemental General State Aid for FY03

Expected Outcomes of Agenda Item

Program provides a total of $261,000,000 to supplement educational opportunities for low income students.

Background Information

This program was formerly State Chapter I. General Supplemental State Aid is authorized by 105 ILCS Section 5/18-8.05(H) of the Illinois School Code.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action, and Communication:

Policy Implications

The plan has been analyzed by staff to insure there is no evidence of SGSA supplementing regular monies. The plan includes all elements mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education.
Pros and Cons of Various Actions

Section 5/18-8.05(H) of the Illinois School Code mandates that the State Board of Education approve or reject the Chicago Public School SGSA Plan. Approval of the plan authorizes the expenditure of SGSA funds for approved programs. Rejection of the plan requires the District to give written notice within fifteen days of intent to modify the plan and then submit a modified plan within thirty days after the date of notification of intent to modify.

Superintendent’s Recommendation

Based on staff analysis of the plan and the inclusion of elements required by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Superintendent recommends that the Chicago Public School District FY03 SGSA plan be approved.

Next Steps

State Board of Education staff will conduct onsite compliance monitoring visits to Chicago public schools to assure that Supplemental General State Aid funds have been distributed by the Chicago Public School District 299 according to statute and that these funds are being expended for approved programs.