

**Proposed Research Outline:
Education Voucher System**

1. Background

1.1 The Panel on Education at its meeting on 19 March 2001 requested the Research and Library Services Division (RLSD) to conduct a research on education voucher system and its implementation in overseas countries. Owing to resources constraint, RLSD started this project in mid-November 2001.

2. Proposed Countries to be Studied

2.1 The Panel requested that the research should cover the experience of Milwaukee and Cleveland in the United States (US) and other countries in implementing an education voucher system, and some unsuccessful examples. Apart from Milwaukee and Cleveland, RLSD proposes to study the education voucher programmes in Chile, Columbia and the United Kingdom (UK). Chile has a long-standing voucher plan which has not brought about all the desired results as predicted by the proponents of the voucher system. While Columbia launched a voucher programme for secondary schools in the 1990s, the UK terminated a Nursery Education Voucher Scheme around the same time.

3. Proposed Outline

Part 1 - Introduction

- ♦ An introduction of an education voucher system including its theoretical considerations and the various forms of vouchers

Part 2 - Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme in Milwaukee

- ♦ Objectives of the Education Voucher Programme
- ♦ The Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme
- ♦ A Review of the Education Voucher Programme

Part 3 - Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme in Cleveland

- ♦ Objectives of the Education Voucher Programme
- ♦ The Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme
- ♦ A Review of the Education Voucher Programme

- Part 4 - Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme in Chile
 - ♦ Objectives of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ The Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ A Review of the Education Voucher Programme
- Part 5 - Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme in Columbia
 - ♦ Objectives of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ The Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ A Review of the Education Voucher Programme
- Part 6 - Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme in the United Kingdom
 - ♦ Objectives of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ The Implementation of the Education Voucher Programme
 - ♦ A Review of the Education Voucher Programme
- Part 7 - Analysis
- Part 8 - Arguments For and Against an Education Voucher System

4. Proposed Timetable

- 4.1 RLSD proposes to complete the research project by March 2002.