

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM B. OGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO THE NATIONAL PARKS AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of William B. Ogden Elementary School in an educational tour to The National Parks on June 6 to 10, 2002

USER: William B. Ogden Elementary School
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PROGRAM: In conjunction with the Language Arts and History curricula, Ogden Elementary School, located at 24 West Walton Street, Region Two, will send fifty-three eighth grade students to The National Parks. This educational tour is designed to identify and use the tools and processes of Social Science inquiry through the causes and effects of pivotal events in United States History. Furthermore, students will be introduced to one of the Wonders of the World and learn about the importance of nature preservation. All eighth grade students at Ogden study United States History.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: This tour activity is in keeping with the goals of the Ogden School Improvement Plan and the Chicago Academic Standards. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance student awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom in the areas of United States History, Economics, and Politics. A detailed itinerary has been established to ensure that students will gain an invaluable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and promote interest for future classroom activities.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Ogden School participants will use Explore America. An investigation of travel rates indicates Explore America provides the most economical travel services. Students will be housed at the following hotels:

Best Western
1000 N. Main St.
Las Vegas, Nevada
89101
(702) 382-3455

Mountainside Inn
642 E. Route 66
Williams, AZ. 86046
(520) 635-4431

Best Western Coral Hills (Zion)
125 East St. George Boulevard
St. George, Utah 84770
(435) 673-4844

Additionally, students will NOT be participating in any water activities.

COST: The cost per student is \$1,060.00. Fifty-three (53) students will be attending at a total cost of \$56,180.00. Tour costs include transportation, accommodation, most meals, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death. Explore America provides one chaperone, at no cost, for every six students attending. Chaperone costs are included in the cost per student.

CHAPERONES: Participating students will be chaperoned by eight Ogden staff members under the direction of Explore America Tour operators.

PARENTAL CONSENT: On file at Ogden School for each child participating in the tour are written parental consent and liability release forms for the school, school personnel, Local School Council, and the Chicago Board of Education. Parents/Guardians of eighth grade students were surveyed via letter and an open Parent Meeting. The majority of interested parents/guardians are in support of this trip and its destination.

AUTHORIZATION: Not applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not required for this report.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public School is involved. Student participants pay their own costs directly to Explore America and students will raise funds through various activities for a portion of the trip. Explore America covers the cost for eight chaperones, one per six students. The cost of the chaperones is included in the student fees.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – Any agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

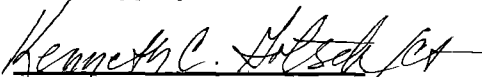
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