

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON D. C. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation forty-eight (48) Eli Whitney Elementary School students in an Educational Tour of Washington D.C. from March 26, 2003 until March 28, 2003, and authorize all related travel expenses to the program.

USER: Eli Whitney Elementary School
2815 S. Komensky Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60623
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Mr. Miguel Velazquez

PROGRAM: This is the eighth grade trip that is in conjunction with the Social Studies curricula. Visiting Washington D.C. will provide the eighth grade students with an overview of how our government works an understanding to our nation's laws, a preview of the major historical sites, visiting various memorials, and touring museums.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour activities are in keeping with the goals of the eighth grade curriculum. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance students' awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom in the areas of United States History 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: Educational Tours, Inc. is making all travel arrangements for this tour.

COST: The cost per student is \$598.00 which includes transportation, accommodation, all meals, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death. Parent chaperone costs are not included in the cost. Educational Tours will pay the cost for the chaperones.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 02-0828-PO04, including proper ratio of students to adults.

Participating students will be chaperoned by four Eli Whitney staff members (Teachers) Mrs. Acevedo, Ms. Snoble, Mr. Tadda Ms. Irizarry and Mr. Garica as well as operators under the direction of Educational Tours, Inc.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and liability release forms will be on file at Eli Whitney Elementary School.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Eli Whitney Local School Council approved the tour on September 4,2002.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

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 letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

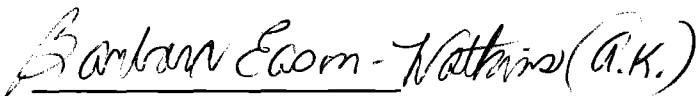
Indebtedness- The Board's indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3) as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics- The Boards 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).

Approved for consideration:

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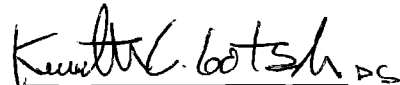


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Approved as to legal form:



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