

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO LONDON, ENGLAND AND PARIS, FRANCE

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of Whitney M. Young High School Concert Choir in an educational tour to London, England and Paris, France on April 12 – 19, 2004.

USER: Whitney M. Young High School
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Chicago, Illinois 60607
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Dr. Joyce Kenner

PROGRAM: In coordination with its Vocal Music Performance Program, Whitney M. Young will send 30 students who reflect the school's racial and ethnic composition to London, England and Paris, France. These students, who study choral music, placed the focus of their studies on a global perspective and world peace.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of the tour is to give students the opportunity to experience and intense performance schedule, perform for a larger audience in a variety of performance venues, as professional artists would do. Students will meet and interact with other students and professors at some of the historical sites in London and Paris. Students will perform a varied repertoire and will also evaluate their performances and gain experiences that will lead to growth in understanding music historically, culturally and in the other fine arts.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Whitney Young participants will use the most economical travel means. Travel arrangements are being handled by Hemisphere Educational Travel.

COST: The per person cost is \$1,525.00 which includes air transportation, all taxes and gratuities, hotel accommodations, meals as indicated in the itinerary, adequate health and accident insurance coverage, trip cancellation and protection against bodily injury or death. No student will be excluded for financial reasons.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. Touring students will be accompanied by the director, Mrs. Gloria E. Brown, one Chicago Public School teacher (Mrs. Gloria Washington), and three parents (Mrs. Janice Haynes, Mrs. Ilene Boler and Mr. Stanley Washington).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Whitney Young High School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This tour was approved by the LSC for Whitney M. Young High School on January 15, 2004.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board. The students and parents will pay all expenses.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledges 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 – The 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.

Approved for Consideration:

Barbara Eason-Watkins

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Chief Education Officer

Approved:

Arne Duncan

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Chief Executive Officer

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John Maiorca
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