

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ROME, ITALY AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL
EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of thirteen (13) Walter Payton College Prep students in an educational tour to Rome "The Eternal City", Italy and authorize travel from April 9 – 18, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Walter Payton College Prep High School
1034 North Wells Street
Chicago, IL 60610
(773) 534-0035
Ms. Gail D. Ward

PROGRAM: This program will consist of eight days in Italy. The trip starts in Rome with extensive tours of archeological sites followed by a one-day trip to Tivoli and, a one-day trip to Pompeii. The students selected in the program have been studying Latin at Walter Payton College Prep.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of the tour is to give the students an opportunity to make connections between their classes and the civilization they study. As Latin students, they will have a chance to see first hand the ancient civilization of Rome that they have studied for four years. They will have a better chance to understand our western civilization from studying the people, the art, the architecture, and the historical lifestyle of ancient Rome through the Latin language.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Explorica, Inc., 145 Tremont Street, Boston, Ma 02111, 1-888-310-7120, made arrangements for this tour.

COST: The per person cost is \$1658.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. Each student will pay the costs of \$1,658.00.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-P001 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. For every 6 students, 1 adult trip is free. The adults are Valerie Gemskie, teacher, Dr. Linda Zolt, Librarian and Mr. Michael Realmuto, resident artist and art interpreter.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Walter Payton College Prep.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Local School Council for Walter Payton College Prep High School approved this action on September 29, 2004.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

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, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

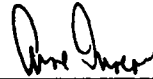
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



BARBARA EASON - WATKINS
Chief Education Officer




ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel