

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

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

The approval of the participation of sixteen (16) Walter Payton College Preparatory High School students in an educational to Casablanca, Morocco from March 17-24, 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  
User: Ms. Gail D. Ward

**PROGRAM:** This program will consist of six days in Morocco, including 3 days in Casablanca, 2 days in Marrakesh, and 1 day in Rabat. The students will stay in Casablanca at the *Idou Anfa Hotel, 85 Bd Anfa* and in Marrakesh at the *Atlas Asni Hotel, 26 Ave de France*; the trip to Rabat does not require an overnight stay. During that time, students will take organized, educational field trips throughout the cities we visit. The students selected for the program have been studying French at Walter Payton College Prep. There will be 16 students participating. As we have arranged to visit Morocco at the same time as the Chicago Casablanca Sister Cities Committee, our group will have the opportunity to participate in diplomatic and cultural events we would not otherwise have access to. We will also visit our newly acquired sister school Ben M'Sik in Casablanca.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** It is to give the students an opportunity to make connections between their classes and the language and culture they study. As French students, they will have a chance to see first hand a Francophone country that they have studied. They will also have the opportunity to understand their own culture through studying the people, the art, the architecture, and the history of Morocco.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Hospitality Marketing Services, 2103 Maleady Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 1- (703) 707-6449 are making arrangements for this tour.

**COST:** The cost per student is \$1700.00, which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

The chaperones traveling with the students will be Abby Imrem (teacher), Sam Dyson (teacher), Ellen Estrada (Assistant Principal), and Elizabeth Branch Dyson (volunteer). For every 4 students, 1 adult trip is free.

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

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** The Local School Council for Walter Payton College Preparatory High School approved this tour on January 13, 2005.

**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.

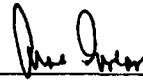
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:

  
**JOHN MAIORCA**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: *MM*

  
**RUTH MOSCOVITCH**  
General Counsel