

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF ITALY, FRANCE, AND MONACO AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of six (6) Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences High School students in an educational tour to Italy, France, and Monaco from March 18 –27, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

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User: Ms. Marianne Doulgeris

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Literature courses and Foreign Language program, The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will send six students to Italy, France and Monaco from March 18, 2005 to March 27, 2005. This trip will allow students enrolled in these courses and programs in language to immerse themselves in language and study firsthand comparative cultures. All six students traveling to Italy, France, and Monaco are enrolled in the correlating World Literature and French courses.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture and language that they are currently studying. They will also have the chance to practice and enhance communication skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire in numerous classes including English and history. The world literature and foreign language courses and programs offered at Chicago Ag Sciences are based on a curriculum, which focuses on a global perspective. Furthermore, this curriculum emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural difference. During the field extension of their classroom studies, students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary French life and culture.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: EF Tour Educational Tours, Lyndsay Bliffert, EF Center Boston, One Education Street Cambridge Massachusetts 02141-1883, 1-800- 637-8222 are making arrangements for this program.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$1985, which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodation and trip cancellation insurance and will be paid by the individual student.

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.

Traveling with students will be Ms. Marianne Doulgeris (teacher), and Mr. David Hersey (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/person are on file at Chicago High School For Agricultural Sciences.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

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 Board of Trustees 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 of other termination of their terms of office.

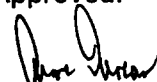
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed to be a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



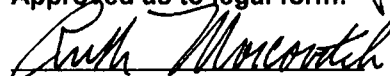
ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel