

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CURIE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS ADVANCED GIRLS CHORUS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO HONOLULU, HAWAII AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation twenty-two (22) of Curie High School Advanced Girls Chorus students in an educational tour/ performance based study of history, culture and music, which will be collaborated across the curriculum from March 21-27, 2005 and authorize travel related expenses to the program if any.

USER: Curie Metro High School for the Creative and Performing Arts
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PROGRAM: There is a need for our students to achieve higher reading scores under the NCLB requirements. Efforts are under way for motivating students to achieve this goal. Currently, teachers are collaborating with cross-curricular ideas with emphasis on motivating students to achieve the federal benchmark for NCLB. As part of our school's mission statement, and, as part of our uniqueness of being the only public performance arts high school, in the state of Illinois, the goal of this program is to stimulate, motivate and correlate the performing arts with the core classes of English and History, which will ultimately improve students reading scores through this program. The state goals for history that students will explore are: 14, 16 and 17. Students will explore all of the state goals for English: 1, 2, 3, and 4.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The anticipated outcomes and educational value to be obtained from this program are many. The most important long-range outcome will be that students achieve higher reading scores. Student's interest and natural inquisitiveness will be carefully guided through media: books, magazine articles, poetry, interviews, the Internet, movies, film and music. Upon returning, students will present the written journals to their prospective English and History classes. Students will present oral reports as well. The media center will provide a display for the school which will include artifacts and souvenirs that students will collect while exploring the cultures, languages, geography and history. Reading scores of the students will be tracked to show how this educational tour, and, the correlating reading and writing requirement will impact reading skills.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Mr. Richard Tagawa, Hawaii Music Festivals, Mailing Address: 1160 Ala Napunani Street, Suite 1006, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96810. Post Office Address: P.O. Box 30789, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96820. Phone: (800) 366-7486 Fax: (800) 837-0008 email: www.hawaiimusicfestivals.com

COST: The cost person is \$1,500.00, which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. Fund raising will pay the costs.

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.

Traveling with the students will Janice J. Carpenter (teacher), Julia V. Cheefus (teacher), Rochelle Wade (Assistant Principal), June Burnette (teacher), Donna Occomy (teacher), Audell Adams (teacher), Mary Audette), Deanna Myron (teacher aide), Wanda Baez (school clerk), Judith Rogers (parent volunteer), Judith Langford (teacher), Verburnette Scott (parent volunteer), Carmen Rivera (parent volunteer), Mary Barba (parent volunteer), Linda Flozak (parent volunteer), Christine Cahue (parent volunteer), Malethia Rozier (parent volunteer), Cynthia Washington (parent volunteer), and Charly Ellison (parent volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Curie Metro High School for the Creative and Performing Arts.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Curie Metro High School for the Creative and Performing Arts on November 16, 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.


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: 



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General Counsel