

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM B. OGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN A
LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO PUERTO RICO AND AUTHORIZE
TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the participation of thirty-five (35) Ogden Elementary School students in a foreign language and cultural immersion program to San Juan, Puerto Rico from May 23, 2006 through May 27, 2006, and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: William B. Ogden Elementary School
24 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
773-534-8110
Mr. Kenneth M. Staral, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its Spanish language program William B. Ogden will send students who reflect the school's racial/ethnic population to Puerto Rico from May 23, 2006 through May 27, 2006.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the language program study a curriculum which emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural differences. 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 Puerto Rican life and culture. The students and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of sites historical and cultural interests related to the curriculum.

There will be no water activities involved during this excursion.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel arrangements, including air-fare, hotels, and meals, are being made by EFTours.

COST: The per person cost is \$1188.00 which includes air-fare transportation, on land coach busses, meals, hotel, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. The costs will be paid by each individual participating on this trip. All adult chaperone expenses will be covered by EFTours.

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 students will be Mr. Edgar Sanchez-Ferrer (Dean of Students), Mrs. Rosa Mora (Parent/Teacher Assistant), Mr. Anthony Morales (Administrative Assistant), Mrs. Frances Chiu (Math teacher), and Jose Guerrero (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be on file at William B. Ogden School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action does not need LSC approval.

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.

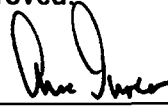
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

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: *MA*



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel