

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JONES COLLEGE PREPARATORY IN AN EDUCATIONAL
TOUR TO KINGSTON, JAMAICA AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE
PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of six (6) Jones College Preparatory students in an educational tour to Kingston, Jamaica from January 27th through February 4th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Jones College Prep
606 S. State
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(773) 534-8600 ext 306
User: Dr. Donald Fraynd, Principal

PROGRAM: Jones students are interested in exploring poverty and social conditions in Kingston, Jamaica. Specifically, this trip will seek to explore how the social conditions of African Americans and Jamaicans overlap. Students will explore the following: government and religious practices, economy, social cultural justice issues that impact the quality of life of Jamaicans and education. Students will explore mores, laws, folkways and norms of the Jamaican culture. Students will document the travel by using journals, a photograph album and camcorders. Students will return with an understanding of the Jamaican culture and share their new knowledge in Mr. McHenry's American Literature course and Mr. Dixon's Sociology class; furthermore, they will also share their experiences gained in Jamaica at the African American Club's Celebration of Blackness assembly on February 25th. In correlation with the Jones Strategic plan, students will become more aware of diversity and social cultural justice issues that impact Jamaican culture.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Upon returning to Chicago, students will be involved in a service learning project in which they will share their learned experiences with the Jones community. Students will utilize their photos, journals and camcorders to share their experiences with the Jones community. The following topics will be reported on by students:

1. Economic and Religious Affiliations of Jamaicans
2. Folkways and Norms of Jamaican culture
3. Political and Social Conditions of Jamaicans

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Students and staff persons will be flying Air Jamaica airlines and will be residing at Immaculate Conception Convent located at 152 Constant Spring Rd. in Kingston, Jamaica. Sister Mary Grace Yap is the contact person and the director of the convent

COST: The price per student is \$750.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by students and donors and The African American Club- Jones account

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

Traveling with the students will be Joseph Dixon (teacher) and William McHenry (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Jones College Preparatory.

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 Jones College Prep School on December 8, 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:



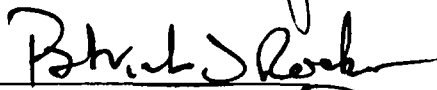
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel