

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF FOUR CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR PROVIDED BY NIAGARA FOUNDATION TO ISTANBUL AND ANTALYA, TURKEY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of (4) Niagara Foundation Essay Competition grand prize winning high school students in an educational trip to Istanbul and Antalya, Turkey from June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.

**USER:** Office of Language and Cultural Education  
125 S. Clark St., 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
(773) 553-1934  
Manuel J. Medina, Officer

**PROGRAM:** To assist CPS in developing students into global citizens, the Niagara Foundation is sponsoring one of several CPS high school essay competitions. Four grand prizes will be awarded in the form of all-expense-paid trips to Istanbul and Antalya, Turkey, from June 23 to July 2, 2006.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The Office of Language and Cultural Education (OLCE) believes that all students should have the opportunity to experience and develop an appreciation for languages and cultures beyond their own. This experience will enable student participants to experience the culture, heritage and customs of the people of Turkey as they explore cultural institutions and historical sites in Istanbul and Antalya.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made through the Niagara Foundation.

**COST:** The cost per pupil for this trip is \$2,200. Trip costs include airfare, land transportation, all meals, accommodations and admission fees. All costs for the 4 students and 2 chaperones will be paid for by the Niagara Foundation.

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

Traveling with the students will be Yasser Senlik (teacher Hubbard High School) and Eva Covarrubias (Area 4 Bilingual Instructional Coach).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms are required for each student will be on file at the Office of Language and Cultural Education and at the corresponding students' high schools.

**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 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.

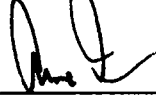
Conflicts – Any agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their 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:**

  
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

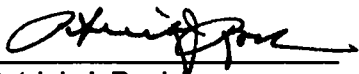
**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**

  
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**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel