

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WESTINGHOUSE CAREER ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL
TOUR TO VERACRUZ, MEXICO**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of (12) Westinghouse Career Academy students in an educational tour to Veracruz, Mexico from May 27th – June 3rd, 2006.

USER: Westinghouse Career Academy
3301 West Franklin Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60624
773-534-6400
Dr. Lona C. Bibbs, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with the study of the Spanish language, history, and culture at Westinghouse Career Academy, the school will send twelve (12) students plus two (2) chaperones to selected cities in Mexico. The students will have classroom instruction in Spanish focusing on verbal skills, tour museums, businesses, and they will tour a number of Afro-descendent communities in the state of Veracruz.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: There is no greater value than traveling and experiencing another culture. The students will improve their language skills because they will be surrounded by Mexicans and will have the opportunity to use the language everyday either in class or during planned excursions. Students will learn the culture, history, customs and traditions of Mexican, Afro-Mexican, and Indigenous peoples of the Veracruz region and be immersed in the Spanish language (Goal #4, 28, and 29). Students will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the Spanish language and the customs and history of Mexico. All students are currently enrolled in a second year of Spanish. Our Westinghouse Career Academy students will come away from this experience more confident and with an expanded understanding of themselves and the world around them.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Travel Evolution, 6206 W. 128th Place, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463.

COST: The cost per person is \$825.00 which includes [transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by Westinghouse Career Academy parents.

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 be Ms. Leslie Gordon (Spanish Instructor), and Mr. Charles Anderson (Spanish Counselor).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at [name of Westinghouse Career Academy].

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Local School Council for Westinghouse Career Academy approved this trip on February 14, 2006.

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.

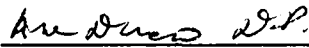
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

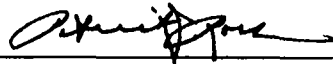
Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer



Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel