

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED CHICAGO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN AN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO BREMEN, GERMANY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of thirteen (13) Chicago public high school students in an educational exchange program to Bremen, Germany, from June 30 to July 15, 2006.

PROGRAM: This is the fourth exchange between the schools of the city of Chicago and Bremen, Germany. The host high school in Bremen is the SZ Rockwinkel Gymnasium, Uppe Angt 31, 28355 Bremen, Germany. The students from Chicago will attend classes at the Rockwinkel Gymnasium and will be engaged in daily educational activities and several field trips during their stay in Germany, including a trip to the city of Munich.

The students selected to participate in the program are studying German and have demonstrated a strong proficiency in German. They are 15 and 16 years old. There will be 09 students from Northside College Prep and 03 students from Lane Tech College Prep High School and 1 from Amundsen High School.

EDUCATION VALUE/OUTCOMES: The trip should result in improved grades in German classes and other academic subjects because of the instructional stimulus. A trip such as this, gives the students the opportunity to live with a German family, experience German life on a daily basis, practice the language he/she is learning in school and establish friendships.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this trip are being handled by Virginia Apel, German teacher at Northside College Prep, and Weber Travel of Brookfield, IL. Phone: 708-485-1333. Ask for Jerry Rabas. Travel will be via British Midland Airlines, departing from O'Hare Airport.

COST: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools. While in Bremen, lodging and food will be provided by host families without cost to the participants, but each participant is required to pay \$1650 for airfare and for medical and liability insurance. The trip to Munich will cost approximately \$250 and students are encouraged to bring \$200 spending money. The total trip will cost about \$1,650.

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. Virginia Apel (Teacher Northside College Prep), Ms. Janet Bresden (Teacher Calumet High School) and Rachel Wenzel (Board Approved Volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Parental consent and liability release forms for each student are on file at the respective schools providing indemnification for the school, school personnel, the Chicago Public Schools.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Local School Councils of the respective schools have been informed of the participation of their students in this tour.

FINANCIAL: There is 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 Board of Trustees 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 to be 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