

July 26, 2006

**APPROVE PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR LISA LEVY TO PARTICIPATE IN
FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN PERU**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Pursuant to Board Rule 4-1(a)(9), the Chief Executive Officer has approved an academic year paid leave of absence (August 30, 2006 – June 15, 2007) for Lisa Levy, member of the teaching force, to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program in Peru.

DESCRIPTION: The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program provides exchange opportunities for qualified Chicago Public Schools (CPS) educators to teach in countries up to one academic year with full pay and position security.

Lisa Levy, a World Language Spanish teacher at Curie High School, applied and was selected by the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program to teach in Peru for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Board of Education will pay Ms. Levy her regular base salary during the period of the leave and maintain all of her benefits. At the conclusion of her leave, Ms. Levy will return to her position at Curie High School. The principal of Curie High School, Jerryelyn Jones, approved the teacher's participation in the program along with accepting the placement of Judith Portella Vejarano from Peru to teach Ms. Levy's Spanish classes as part of this teacher exchange.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: The teacher on Fulbright Teacher Exchange leave (Ms. Levy) will receive the basic salary which such member of the teaching force would have received if in actual service in the Chicago Public Schools and maintain all of her employment benefits. The Fulbright exchange teacher Ms. Portella Vejarano will receive her basic salary from Peru.

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 ROCKS
General Counsel


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