

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY  
HIGH SCHOOL BAND, ORCHESTRA, AND CHOIR IN CHINA 2007 TOUR  
AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of thirty-three (33) Northside College Preparatory High School students in an educational tour to China from March 29, 2007 – April 8, 2007.

**USER:** Leo Park  
Northside College Preparatory High School  
5501 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60625  
773.534.3954 x375

**PROGRAM:** Members of the Northside College Preparatory HS Band, Orchestra, and Choir will be visiting the great historical and cultural sites of Shanghai, Xi'an, and Beijing. Students will also be rehearsing and performing side by side with the Beijing School No. 57 Band and Orchestra.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** In conjunction with the City of Chicago's Year of the Silk Road celebration, the intention of the trip is to cultivate relationships and build bridges with peoples and cultures from other lands. The collaboration with Beijing School No. 57 is a musical exchange in which Northside students will be performing in collaboration with Chinese students.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by: Fantastic Voyages, Inc., located at 4032 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60641, 773-777-5445.

**COST:** The per student cost is \$2,285.00 which includes round trip air fare, meals, hotel stay, tour fees, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance. The cost will be paid by the students and families.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults. There are 33 students going and 7 Chaperones. The following people will serve as chaperones:

1. Leo Park, CPS Music Teacher
2. Nythia Rivera, CPS Music Teacher
3. Michael Lill, CPS Music Teacher
4. Tim High, Northside Prep Parent, CFD Paramedic
5. Francis Sceske, Northside Prep Parent
6. Gayle Kennedy, Northside Prep Parent, Paramedic
7. Pam Hautzinger, Northside Prep Parent

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Northside College Preparatory High School.

**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 Northside College Preparatory.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board at this time.

**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.

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

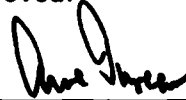
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



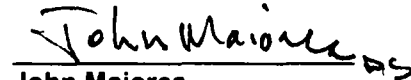
**Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer**

**Approved:**



**Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**



**John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to legal form:**



**Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel**