

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO CHINA**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twelve (12) Northside College Preparatory High School students in an educational tour to China from March 31, 2007-April 7, 2007.

USER: Northside College Preparatory High School
5501 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL 60625
(773)534-3954
Johan Tabora and Martha Mulligan

PROGRAM: The trip will be a culminating event for the colloquium class "China... It's Almost as Good as Being There" and the Academic Decathlon team. The class has been learning about China's history and culture and how that plays into its significance in the modern world. The Academic Decathlon team has been studying about China for the past year. The students will visit the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall and Beijing 57, a local middle-high school.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of the trip is to establish connections between what the students learn in the classroom and the real world. For example, the students have looked at the differences between American and Chinese culture in a school context. While in Beijing, the students will visit Beijing 57, Northside's sister school. The students will learn about school culture in Beijing, reflect on their experience, and compare/contrast their own academic lives with what they came across at the Chinese school. Prior to the trip, the students will communicate with peers from our sister school, Beijing 57. The students will then visit the school and spend a day shadowing their peers, observing classes and going through the notions of a typical Chinese student.

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

COST: The per student cost is \$ 1830.00 which includes round trip air fare, meals, hotel stay, tour fees, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid by the students and families.

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. There are 12 students going and two chaperones. The following people will serve as chaperones:

1. Johan Tabora, CPS Science Teacher
2. Martha Mulligan, CPS Math Teacher

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approved this trip on December 14, 2006.

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