

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT
CHOIR STUDENTS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GHANA, AFRICA.**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of (30) thirty Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Choir to tour and perform in the country of Ghana, Africa from June 10, 2007 to June 22, 2007.

USER: Whitney M. Young high School
211 South Laflin St
Chicago, Illinois 60607
(773) 534-7500
Dr. Joyce D Kenner, Principal

PROGRAM: In coordination with its Vocal Music Performance Program, Whitney M. Young will send 30 students who reflect the school's racial and ethnic composition to Accra, Ghana, Africa. These students, who study choral music, placed the focus of their studies on a global perspective and world peace.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of the tour is to give students the opportunity to experience an intense performance schedule, perform for a larger audience in a variety of performance venues, as professional artists would do. Students will meet and interact with other students and professors at some of the historic sites in Ghana. Students will perform a varied repertoire and evaluate their performances. They will gain experience that will lead to growth in understanding music historically and culturally.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Whitney M. Young students will use the most economical travel means.

COST: The cost is \$3000 per person, which includes air transportation, all taxes and gratuities, hotel accommodations, meals as indicated on the itinerary, adequate health and accident insurance coverage, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death. No student will be excluded for financial reasons. The cost will be paid by a variety of fundraising activities.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 including proper ratio of students to adults. Touring students will be accommodated by Chicago Public Schools teachers: Gloria Brown, (teacher) Gloria Washington, (psychologist), Mrs. Oreitha Benion, (teacher) Esther Hoover, (teacher) and Sepia Adams, (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, as well as copies sent with this letter.

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 Whitney M. Young Magnet High School on November 16, 2006.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

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:

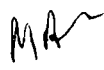



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel