

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN THE JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of eighteen (18) Whitney M Young High School students in the Japan Exchange Program in an educational tour to Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan from June 21 to July 06, 2007.

USER: Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
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Dr. Joyce Kenner

PROGRAM: This is an ongoing language and cultural exchange program between Whitney Young High school, Chicago and Kanagawa Sohgo High School, Yokohama. These trips has been taking place from our school since the spring of 2002, 2004 and 2006 and our students visited their school in the summer of 2003 and 2005. Every school day, our students commute to the school with the host student to Kanagawa Sohgo High School and sit in on their classes. Some afternoons we will take some field trips to the museums and historical sites. Also, one overnight trip to Hakone is scheduled.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of the tour is to give students the opportunity to learn and enhance their Japanese language skills as well as to understand Japanese history, culture and the way of Japanese life by experience. By staying with the same age students and live daily life together, our students will increase their global perspective leading to the future.

COST: Whitney M Young Magnet High School participants will use the most economical travel means. The cost per person is \$2200.00, which includes air transportation, taxes and gratuities, one overnight hotel accommodations, meals, adequate health and accident insurance coverage, trip cancellation and protection against bodily injury or death as indicated in the itinerary. No student will be excluded for financial reasons. The students and parents will pay all expenses. Also support funds were provided by Friends of Whitney M. Young parent fund raising organization of the school.

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. Touring students will be accompanied by the tour leader, Mrs. Yukiko Y. Schrock, Japanese Language teacher, and two other teachers at Whitney M Young Magnet High School, Mrs. Kathleen Rehak, Chemistry teacher and Miss Claudia Chavez, Spanish teacher.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Japan trip was approved by the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School LSC members on March 21, 2007.

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