

**RATIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF ROSWELL B. MASON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the participation of thirty-six (36) Roswell B. Mason Elementary School students in an educational tour to Atlanta, Georgia from May 15, 2007 through May 19, 2007.

USER: Roswell B. Mason Elementary School
1830 South Keeler Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60623
(773) 534-1530
Dr. Vivian Hudson-Davis, Principal

PROGRAM: Four day eighth grade tour to Atlanta, Georgia from May 15, 2007 through May 19, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Roswell B. Mason Academy eighth grade students attended the Black Heritage Tour which included the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the State Capitol and other educationally pertinent sites in Atlanta Georgia. As our students prepare for high school in 2007-2008, they will understand the educational requirements needed to attend college in order to prepare for various careers during adulthood. Mason students' visited the childhood home and church where Dr. King began his ministry. They explored the influences on his life that spearheaded the nonviolent civil rights movement and its affects on the lives of African-Americans and society.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program were made by Travel Services, Inc., Richard Capone, 5158 West 127th Street, Alsip, Illinois, 60803.

COST: The per person cost was \$385.00 which included transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance and trip cancellation insurance. The costs were paid by students and fundraising.

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.

Traveling with students were: Antionette Patton (Assistant Principal), Allen Bryant (Teacher), Angela Bradley-Williams (Teacher), Marshonda Clark (Teacher), Queen Welch (Teacher) Roy Darty (Teacher) Mary Garrett (School Assistant) and Diane Hueston (School Community Representative).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Roswell B. Mason Elementary School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

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.

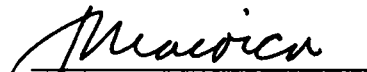
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



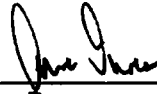
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Noted:



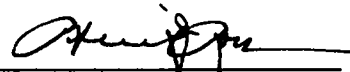
John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel