

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL IN ITALIAN
EXCHANGE AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of Morgan Park High School in Italian Exchange and authorize expenses related to the program.

USER: Morgan Park High School
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Mr. Charles Alexander

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Language & International Studies Program, Morgan Park High School will send fifteen (15) students to Italy from April 18, 2001 through May 9, 2001. The program in language immersion and comparative cultures includes a twenty-two day exchange component in Italy, which will be hosted by families of students attending our "sister" school Peano High School in the city of Turin, Italy. Host families are selected by Italian exchange teachers taking every precaution to insure student security and safety. One of the Morgan Park High School students traveling to Italy is in Honors Italian IV; six students are enrolled in Honors Italian II; two students are enrolled in Honors Italian I, one student is enrolled in Regular Italian II, four students are enrolled in Regular Italian I, and one student previously studied Regular Italian I. They will be accompanied by Mr. Attilio Donahue, Italian Teacher and Mrs. Romesa Silas, Librarian. Mr. Donahue and Mrs. Silas will be on paid leave to chaperone an educational and cultural foreign exchange.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the World Language & International Studies Program at Morgan Park High School study a curriculum which focuses on a global perspective in education. The curriculum emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural differences. During the field extension of their classroom studies, students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary Italian life and culture. The student and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of school visits and field trips to Turin and surrounding area.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Suntar Travel, Inc., 7766 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge, Ontario, (905) 851-2293.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$950.00 which includes transportation, certain meals, hotel accommodations, and trip cancellation insurance. Health and accident insurance will be provided by the Board of Education. The costs will be paid by the individual participants.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board report 97-1217-PO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults. Mr. Attilio Donahue (Italian Teacher), and Mrs. Romesa Silas (Librarian).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Morgan Park High School.

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

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), 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:

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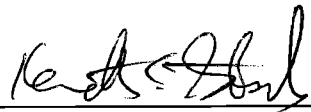


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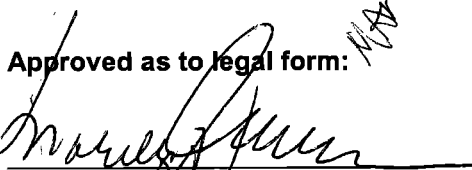


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