

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL IN FRENCH 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 French Exchange and authorize expenses related to the program.

USER: Morgan Park High School
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Chicago, IL 60643
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Mr. Charles Alexander

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Language & International Studies Program, Morgan Park High School will send twelve (12) students to France from May 8, 2001 through May 22, 2001. The program in language immersion and comparative cultures includes a fifteen-day exchange component in France, which will be hosted by families of students attending our "sister" school, Centre International de Valbonne in the city of Valbonne, France. Host families are selected by French exchange teachers taking every precaution to insure student security and safety. Nine of the Morgan Park High School students traveling to France are enrolled in Honors French II and three students are enrolled in Honors French I. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Donna Castelli, French & English Teacher and Mrs. Mary Kennedy, World Social Studies Teacher. Mrs. Castelli and Mrs. Kennedy 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 French life and culture. The student and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of school visits and field trips to Nice, and surrounding communities, i.e. Eze, Cannes, Antibes, etc.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by MiCES, Inc., Marcia Hochberg, 1200 North Lake Shore Drive, Suite 702, Chicago, IL 60610, 1-312-944-3690.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1,275.00 which includes transportation, certain meals, hotel accommodations, 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. Mrs. Donna Castelli (French & English Teacher), and Mrs. Mary Kennedy (World Studies Teacher).

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Morgan Park High School on Wednesday, December 20, 2000.

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.

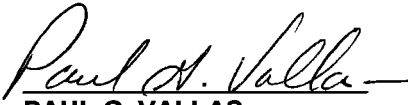
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

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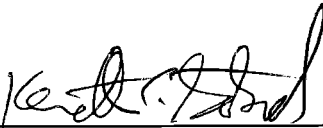


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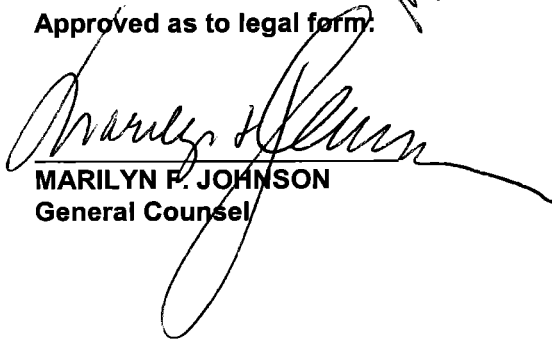
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel