

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM B. OGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO THE VALLEY OF MEXICO CITY AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES
RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of William B. Ogden Elementary School in an educational tour to the Valley of Mexico City on May 15, 2001 through May 19, 2001

USER: William B. Ogden Elementary School
24 W. Walton
534-8110
Mr. Kenneth M. Staral

PROGRAM: (In conjunction with the Language Arts and World Language curriculum, Ogden Elementary School, located at 24 West Walton Street, Region Two, will send forty-five eighth grade students to the Valley of Mexico City. This educational tour is designed to immerse students in the Spanish language and Mexican culture. All eighth grade students at Ogden study a second language with the majority studying Spanish.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: This tour activity is in keeping with the goals of the Ogden School Improvement Plan and the Chicago Academic Standards. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance student awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom with respect to Spanish literature, language, and culture. A detailed itinerary has been established to ensure that students will gain an invaluable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and provide hard interest for future classroom investigations.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Ogden School participants will use Explore America. An investigation of travel rates indicate Explore America, provides the most economical travel services. Students will be housed at:

Hotel International Havri
Havri #21, Zona Rosa
Mexico City, Mexico
Telephone: 001-525-242-7750

Students will NOT be participating in any water activities.

COST: The cost per student is \$835.00. Forty-Five (45) students will be attending at a total cost of \$37,575.00. Tour costs include transportation, accommodation most meals, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death.

CHAPERONES: 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.

Touring with students will be Mr. Edgar Ferrer (teacher), Mr. Eric Calderion (teacher), Mr. Juan Montero (teacher), Mr. Nicholas Ribaud (teacher), Ms. Alicia Menendez (teacher), Mr. Kenneth Staral (principal), and Mr. Mario Garcia (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: On file at Ogden School for each child participating in the tour are written parental consent and liability release forms, for the school, school personnel, Local School Council, and the Chicago Board of Education. Parents/Guardians of eighth grade students were surveyed via letter and an open Parent Meeting. The majority of interested parents/guardians are in support of this trip and its destination.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public School.

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:



COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



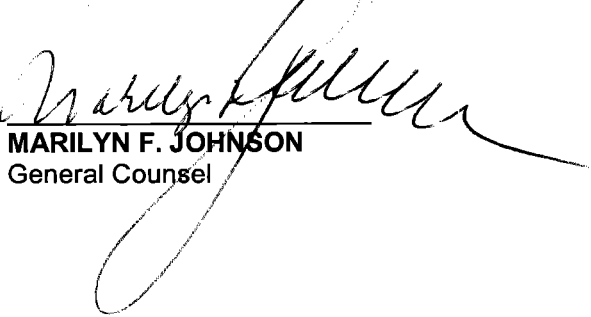
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel