

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF KIPLING ELEMENTARY CHORUS IN WINDSOR,
ONTARIO-DETROIT, MICHIGAN/AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR, AND AUTHORIZE
TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twenty-five (25) students at Kipling Elementary School Chorus in Windsor, Ontario-Detroit Michigan/African-American Heritage Tour from April 16, 2001 though April 18, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: Kipling Elementary School
9351 S. Lowe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620
Mrs. Corene Washington, Principal

PROGRAM: Students will perform at the Merlin Public School in Merlin, ON and have an opportunity to meet the students they have been pen pals with. On the last day of the tour, the chorus will perform at the Motown Museum in Detroit, Michigan.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: In conjunction with social studies and music curricula, this concert and educational tour is designed to immerse students in the cultural and social aspects of Canada, and visit the key safe houses along the Underground Railroad. The object of this trip is to enhance students awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom with respect to performance, Canadian culture and music. Students will gain a valuable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and stimulate interest for future classroom investigation. The following Fine Arts goals will be fulfilled as a result of this trip: 26.A.3c, 26.b.3c, and 27.B2.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIPS INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Hemisphere Educational Travel Program, 694 Milwaukee Avenue, Prospect Heights, Illinois, (847) 541-7575.

COST: The per-person cost is \$385.00, which includes air-conditioned motor coach w/reclining seats, VCR, and lavatory, two nights at the Wheels Inn Hotel in Chatham, all meals starting with dinner on day one through lunch on day three, insurance coverage, security guard each night at the hotel, and a Hemisphere escort/driver for the entire trip.

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 students will be accompanied by four (4) Kipling staff members: Mrs. Corene Washington (principal), Ms. Cynthia Bridges (conductor), Mr. Chris Foreman (pianist), Mrs. Cozetta Trimble (school clerk), Mr. Wallace Heard (LSC Chairperson), six (6) parents: Mrs. Valerie Cole, Ms. Melanie Gilbert, Ms. Gwendolyn Griffin, Mrs. Annette Hargrove, Mrs. Diane Marsand and Mrs. Sherrie Thompson.

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Kipling Elementary School Local School Councils approved the tour on November 15, 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:



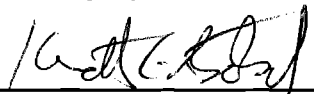
Cozette Buckney
Chief Education Officer

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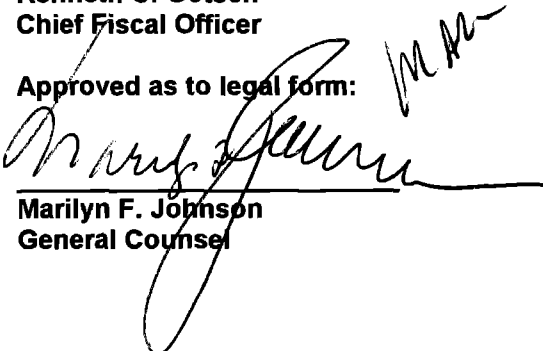
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

With Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel