

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN A SISTER CITIES/SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE WITH GROUPE SCHOLAIRE LE CEDRE-CASABLANCE, MOROCCO AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of thirty-two (32) Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in a World Language/Sister School Exchange with Le Cedre School in Casablanca, morocco from April 13, 2001 through April 22, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
615 W. Kemper Place
Chicago, Illinois 60614
(773) 534-5720
Dr. Andrew Tinich/Ms. Tracy Carlson

PROGRAM: In cooperation with the Sister Cities/Sister School Exchange and with Groupe Le Cedre-Casablanca, Morocco. The trip includes the school Jazz Band, and Seventh and Eighth Graders who study French Language and Culture as part of the World Language Program. In preparation for the trip our students are attending supplementary language and culture classes and preparing to play a new musical composition. Additionally, we are preparing to have an additional culture exchange where our students will present a square dance and teach the host-students. Once in Morocco, the Le Cedre School has offered home-stay situations for our participants. Our trip will include visits to Casablanca, Marrakech and Rabat, historical and cultural presentations and professional discussions.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The trip encompasses the wide-variety of standards and goals while offering the students the ideal climate in which to enrich their linguistic and cultural education. The cultural exchange will be invaluable as the students will be communicating in their target language French. They will experience daily Moroccan life and customs and be active participants in spontaneous communication. Additionally, as Student Ambassadors, they will have the opportunity to sharpen their cultural perspective. As the five aims of World Language learning are communication, culture, connections, comparisons and community, our students will become active participants in their learning and foster our future goal of life-long learning.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Sunset Travel & Cruise of Chicago, Illinois.

COST: The per-pupil cost is \$1,200.00 which includes transportation, transfers and insurance..

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. Traveling with students will be six (6) Lincoln Elementary staff members: Dr. Andrew Tinich (principal), Ms. Pat Duffy (asst. Principal), Ms. Tracy Carlson (world language teacher), Mr. Marty Kalas (band teacher), Mrs. Diana Leifer (IBPP french language teacher), Mrs. Kirsten Santiago (mathematics teacher), Mrs. Nada Riley (LSC parent representative).

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This activity was approved by the LSC for Lincoln Elementary School on September 12, 2000.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Inspector General - Each party to this agreement hereby acknowledges that in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the 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 - The 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 the 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 the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:

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COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer



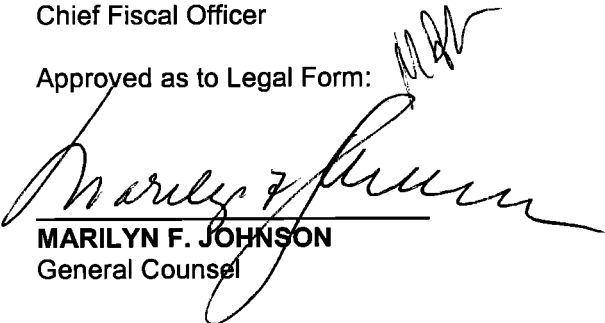
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel