

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM JUAREZ  
COMMUNITY ACADEMY IN THE FRENCH CLUB TOUR OF MONTREAL AND QUEBEC CITY,  
QUEBEC AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE TOUR**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of sixteen (16) students and three (3) staff members from Juarez Community Academy in the Juarez French Club educational tour of Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, and authorize travel expenses related to the tour if any.

**USER:** Juarez Community Academy  
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Chicago, Illinois 60608  
773/534-7030  
Leonard J. Dominguez, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Juarez Community Academy students will participate in the Juarez Community Academy's French Club tour of Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec from April 16, 2001 through April 22, 2001. The Juarez French Club meets weekly at the high school under the direction of teacher/sponsor Ms. Shannon Robinson to extend students' learning opportunities of the French language, culture, and history.

Students and staff will travel by motor coach from Chicago to Quebec City, where the group will stay at the Auberge de la Paix Hostel. Students and chaperones will tour the National Assembly, the Citadelle, the Ile d'Orleans, Montmorency Falls, Ste. Anne de Beaupre Church, the Parc d'Artilerie, the Basilica de Notre Dame, the Place Royale, and a cabane a sucre to see sugar being made. The group will also tour the Musee de la Civilization for a live presentation of Quebec's history and tour the Lower Town, with a walking tour of the Old Port.

Next, the group will travel to Montreal, where they will stay at the College Francais Hostel. The group will take a walking tour of Vieux Montreal, which will include visits to La Place Jacques Cartier, the Vieux Port, and the Le Cirque du Soleil show. Students will visit Mont Royal, St. Joseph's Oratory, the Underground, and attend Le Festin du Gouverneur, which is a re-enactment of a 17<sup>th</sup> century dinner with bilingual entertainment. The group will also visit the Olympic Stadium and the Biodome with its four ecosystems.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE / OUTCOMES:**

The educational value of this trip will be in students' appreciation and understanding of the language, culture, history, and geography of Quebec. The anticipated outcomes include increased: knowledge of French; students' abilities to communicate with people of other countries; international experience; and the broadening of horizons that international travel brings.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS / TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this tour are being made by teacher/sponsor Ms. Shannon Robinson at Juarez Community Academy (tel.: 773/534-7030). Transportation for students and chaperones from Chicago to Montreal / Quebec City will be via motorcoach provided by Midwest Motorcoach / Olson Transportation (tel.: 847/336-0720; contact person: Ron Guinn). Accommodation have been confirmed at the College Francaise Hostel in Montreal (tel.: 514/270-4459) and at the Auberge de la Paix Hostel in Quebec City (tel.: 418/694-0735).

**COST:** The cost per pupil is \$500, which includes ground transportation, hotel/hostel accommodations, meals, and adequate health and accident insurance. The costs will be paid by the French Club's fundraising activities this year and/or by individual student payment.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 97-1217-PO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Students will be accompanied by Ms. Shannon Robinson (teacher), Ms. Katherine Hogan (teacher), and Mr. Steve Vidal (teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for the school, school personnel, Local School Council, and the Board of Education for each student are on file at Juarez Community Academy.

**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 Juarez Community Academy LSC on February 21, 2001.

**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).

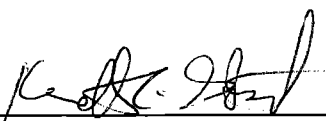
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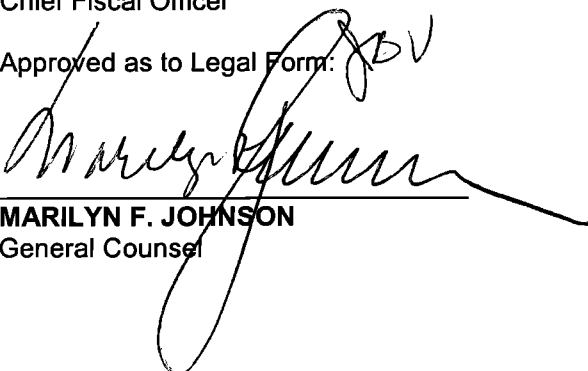
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**COZETTE BUCKNEY**  
Chief Education Officer

  
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**PAUL G. VALLAS**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**KENNETH C. GOTSCH**  
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:   
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**MARILYN F. JOHNSON**  
General Counsel