

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE EDGAR ALLAN POE CLASSICAL SCHOOL IN AN  
EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO NASSAU, BAHAMAS AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED  
TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of twenty-three (23) Edgar Allan Poe Classical School students in an educational excursion to Nassau, Bahamas from April 18, 2001, through April 21, 2001, and authorize expenses related to the program.

**USER:** Edgar Allan Poe Classical School  
10538 South Langley Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60628  
Barry K. Elmore

**PROGRAM:** In conjunction with the social studies, science and music curricula, this concert and educational tour is designed to immerse Poe Classical School students in the cultural, historical and social aspects of Nassau, Bahamas. Students will be given the experience of preparing for and participating in three choral concerts, one at a church on Easter morning, at a school and at one other public venue in Nassau. Our visit to the school will afford our students an opportunity to interact with Bahamian students. Our concert will be followed by lunch in the school's cafeteria.

Students will also have an opportunity to travel to several historical locations in and around Nassau, and learn of the role that the Bahamas played as part of the "middle passage" during the African slave trade.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The object of the trip is to enhance the students' awareness and knowledge gained in the classroom in respect to musical performance, Bahamian culture and music, as well as Bahamian history and architecture.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Hemisphere Educational Travel Programs, 694 Milwaukee Avenue, Prospect Heights, Illinois, (847) 541-7575. The group will fly via Funjet, non-stop, from Midway airport and stay at the Holiday Inn Junkanoo Beach Hotel. The Bahamas Tourist Office in Chicago is arranging the performances and a "People to People Experience" for the choir.

**COST:** The per pupil/person cost is \$742.50 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, admission costs, health and accident insurance. The costs will be paid by parents and from parent fund-raising.

**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.

Students will be chaperoned by the project coordinator, Mr. Barry K. Elmore. Also acting as chaperones will be the Assistant Principal, Ms. Joyce O'Quinn, counselor Ms. Olevia Perry, and approximately fifteen parents.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at the Edgar Allan Poe Classical 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 the Edgar Allan Poe Classical School on January 9, 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).

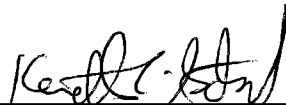
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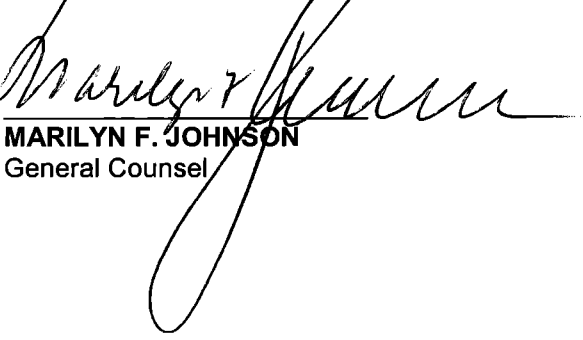
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