

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM H. RYDER 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS IN A TOUR OF SENEGAL, AFRICA AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of William H. Ryder 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in a tour of Senegal, Africa and authorize expenses related to the program.

**USER:** William H. Ryder Elementary School  
8716 S. Wallace Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60620  
Ms. Janice Preston

**PROGRAM:** In conjunction with the Social Science curriculum and thematic units, Ryder school will send ten (10) students on a tour of Senegal, Africa from April 14, 2001 through April 18, 2001.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students will:

- be able to analyze and evaluate the information acquired and then compare and contrast the two societies.
- engage in critical analysis to identify and asses specific components of Senegal's society.
- compare and contrast the social system of the United States and Africa.
- have a knowledge of the physical characteristics of the two countries.
- understand explicit and implicit meaning of the country's literature and be prepared to discuss and share information.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIPS INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Gross International Travel, Inc., Chicago, Illinois 60619.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$1,399.00, which includes breakfast every day, tours, transfers, 2/3 lunches, farewell dinner and naming ceremony. Students and parents will pay the cost. Fund-raisers will supplement some funds.

**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 five (5) William Ryder staff members: Mr. Roy Tillman (teacher), Ms. Sandra Bridges (teacher), Ms. Jacqueline Wheeler (teacher), Ms. Eloise Franks (counselor) and Ms. Janice Preston (principal).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at William H. Ryder Elementary School.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** The William H. Ryder Elementary School Local School Councils approved the tour on January 11, 2001.

**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 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 - 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.

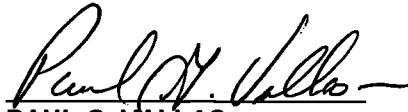
Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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.

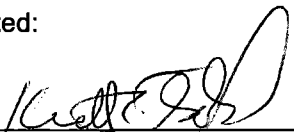
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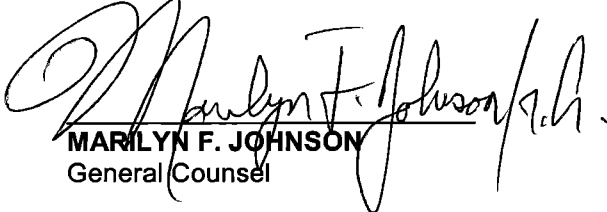
  
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