

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL-CITY ELEMENTARY YOUTH CHORUS IN CONCERT WITH THE SAINT LOUIS SYMPHONY CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of the All-City Elementary Youth Chorus of the Chicago Public Schools in a joint concert with the St. Louis Symphony Children's Chorus in St. Louis, Missouri and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: Office of Language, Cultural, and Early Childhood Education
125 S. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60603
Armando M. Almendarez

PROGRAM: The All-City Elementary Youth Chorus will send one hundred (100) Chorus members, third through ninth grades, to Saint Louis, Missouri from April 21 through April 22, 2001 to present a joint concert with the Saint Louis Symphony Children's Choir. In addition, the students will visit the Saint Louis Science Center and the Scott Joplin State Historic Site.

EDUCATION VALUE/OUTCOMES:

- This concert tour will provide an opportunity for the chorus members to apply, demonstrate and share the learned vocal music skills with a professional children's choir.
- This concert tour will carry out one of the Youth Chorus's mission: to promote an understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity through the performance of music in a variety of styles and languages.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Walls Transportation, 1515 W. 74th Street, Chicago Illinois 60636, 773.651.1369.

COSTS: The per student cost is \$174.00 which includes meals, hotel, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The total cost of this tour is \$17,400. The All-City Performing Arts Parent Group will pay \$16,150.00 toward the total cost of the trip through their fund raising efforts. The Bureau of Cultural Arts will provide \$1,250.00 to help meet the transportation cost.

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

Josephine Y. Poelinitz, vocal music specialist and principal conductor, Barry K. Elmore, music teacher and associate conductor, Tony L. Fisher, teacher, and accompanist, Jean N. Hendricks, music teacher and assistant conductor, James B. Lopez teacher assistant and assistant accompanist, Arnetta M. Fridge, music teacher and staff assistant, Esma Al-Mahdi, music teacher and senior accompanist, Rebecca Balabanis, administrative assistant and manager. The parent chaperones are Bobbie Sue Baggett, Virgen Garcia, Louis Jones, Jackie Marta, La Donna Myers, Annie Marie Perry III, Jose and Maria Pacheco and Richard Tufano.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at the Chicago Public Schools Bureau of Cultural Arts for each student, parent and staff member participating in the tour.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Language, Cultural and Early Childhood Education: \$1,250.00
Budget Classification: 0460-280-761-0302-5510 Fiscal Year: 2000-2001

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


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 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 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made part of the 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 budgets(s).

Approved for Consideration:


COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer

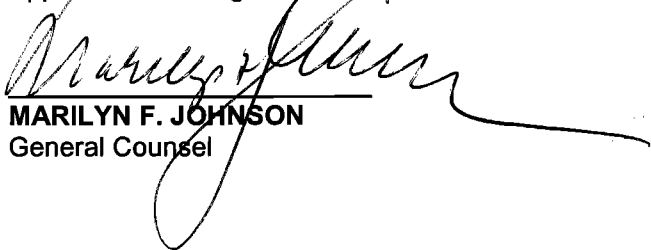
Approved:


PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel