

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED CHICAGO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN
AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE TOUR OF BREMEN, GERMANY AND APPROVE TRAVEL
EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twelve (12) Chicago Public High School students in an educational tour of Bremen, Germany, from June 10, 2001 through June 29, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER Northside College Prep
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Chicago, Illinois
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Dr. James Lalley

PROGRAM: This program is the first exchange between the schools of the city of Chicago and Bremen, Germany. The students from Chicago will attend classes at the Rockwinkel Gymnasium and will be engaged in daily educational activities and several field trips during their stay in Germany, including a trip to the city of Berlin.

The students selected to participate in the program are studying German and have demonstrated a strong proficiency in German. They are 15 and 16 years old. There will be 12 students from Northside College Prep and 4 from St. Patrick High School.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour would result in improved grades in German classes and other academic subjects because of the instructional stimulus. A trip such as this, gives the students the opportunity to live with a German family, experience German life on a daily basis, practice the language he/she is learning in school and establish friendships.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by All About Travel Inc., 3447 W. Peterson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1,200.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.

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 with the students will be Virginia Apel (teacher), and Stephanie Jensen-Iacovelli (St. Patrick teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at the Chicago Public Schools and at St. Patrick High School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

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.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer




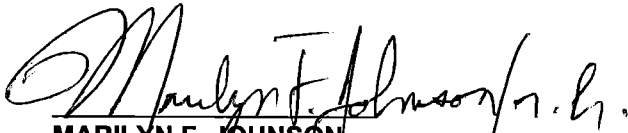
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel