

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of twenty-three (23) Nia Elementary School students in an educational tour to Windsor, Ontario, Canada from May 24, 2001 through May 26, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

**USER** Nia Elementary School  
2040 W. Adams  
Chicago, Illinois  
(773) 534-7494  
Sylvia Gibson, Principal

**PROGRAM:** In accordance with its cultural and educational program, Nia Elementary School will send 23 students who reflect the schools racial and ethnic composition.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** These students who study the achievements and contributions of African Americans to society, placed the focus of their studies on the global perspective and world peace. Students will participate in the African American Heritage Tour which will include the following places along the path of the Underground Railroad, Detroit-Museum of African American History, and the Motown Museum, Canada-John Walls Historic Site, North American Black Historical Museum, Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Raleigh Township Centennial Museum, The Elgin Settlement, Sandwich Baptist Church (built in 1841).

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Hemisphere Lines.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$355.00 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 Jeraldyn Saines (Teacher), Jacqueline Sanders (Teacher), Gayltan Godwin (Teacher), Eugene Thomas (teacher) and six parents.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Nia Elementary 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 Nia Elementary School on March 17, 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.

Approved for Consideration:


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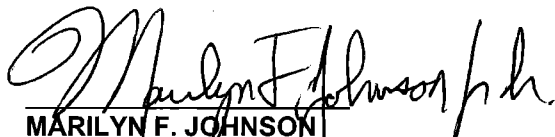
  
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**COZETTE BUCKNEY**  
Chief Education Officer

  
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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