

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF LANGSTON HUGHES SCHOOL IN
AN EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP TO TOKYO AND KANAGAWA, JAPAN**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of sixteen (16) Langston Hughes School students in an Educational Field Trip to Tokyo and Kanagawa, Japan, from June 18-27, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: LANGSTON HUGHES SCHOOL
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Mr. Earl Ware, Principal/ Mrs. Mitsuko Rokuhira, Teacher

PROGRAM: "Dream Project for the 21st Century " (a.k.a. DP21). In November 2000, Mr. Ichiro Ozawa, Member of the Japanese Diet, visited Langston Hughes School and promised to invite up to 20 pupils and their teachers to Japan. From that promise, arrangements were made for 16 students to visit Tokyo and Kanagawa, Japan to perform and experience life in Japan and acquire a world perspective on the similarities and differences of many cultures and people. Students will develop a greater understanding of the political, social and economic systems of Japan. Many of the unique cultural experiences of the Japanese people (such as, the exchange of American currency into foreign currency and the use thereof, time zone differences, dress styles, etc) will be shared with inner city Chicago Public School students providing them with a priceless educational experience that will be beneficial for the rest of their lives. Students will attend schools, perform for special events, visit cherished Japanese landmarks and government offices, stay with Japanese families and experience life in a youth hospice. This well-rounded cultural experience will provide Chicago Public School (Langston Hughes) students with a concentrated opportunity for learning.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will experience the culture, which includes the belief systems, languages, social relationships, institutions and organizations of Japan. Students will perform for school and cultural events, stay with Japanese families, experience life in a youth hospice, visit landmarks, government buildings and officials, which will provide a lasting impression of life in a foreign country. Students will be able to create an educational portfolio, in-depth reports and interactive audio/visual presentations highlighting their experiences from this trip. This trip will provide students with an opportunity to see the world from a global perspective rather than from a limited inner city vantage point.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel arrangements are being made by The Japan America Society of Chicago, 20 North Clark Street, #750, Chicago, Illinois 60602. The contact person is Mr. Richard P. Soter, 1-312-263-3049, Fax#1-312-263-6120.

COST: The per person cost is \$2,000 which includes transportation meals, hospice, and accident insurance.

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. Teachers: Ms. Mitsuko Rokuhira, Mrs. Sandra Nichols; Ms. Betty Davis, a Board Employee (Department of World Languages); and Dr. Susan Boldrey will accompany the 16 students on this trip.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Langston Hughes School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable for this report.

FINANCIAL: Source of Funds: The cost of trip, including airfare, lodging, meals and local transportation, is being paid in full by the Liberal Party of Japan through the Japan America Society of Chicago. All arrangements were handled directly by Mr. Ichiro Ozawa, Member of the Japanese Diet, who represents the Liberal Party of Japan. Therefore, there is no cost to the Chicago Public Schools at this time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to any agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105ILCS5/34-13.1, 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 ILCS5/34-21.3 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.

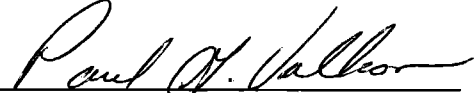
Contingency Liability - Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year.

Approved for Consideration:



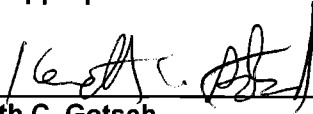
Cozette Buckney
Chief Education Officer

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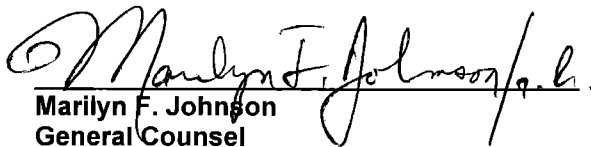
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel