

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SONGHAI LEARNING INSTITUTE IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND WINDSOR, ONTARIO AND NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fifty (50) Songhai Learning Institute students in an educational tour to Detroit, Michigan, Windsor, Ontario and Niagara Falls, Canada from May 26, 2001 through May 28, 2001 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

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Mr. John Bradley

PROGRAM: In conjunction with the Social Science curriculum and black history unit Songhai Learning Institute will send 50 students on a tour of Detroit and Canada for an 8th grade graduation tour.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: This trip will enhance knowledge of Afrocentric artifacts and historical events.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Spirit Tours.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$90.00 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 Claudette Radford (Teacher), Wendie Dixon (Teacher), Gary Mitchell (Teacher), Laverne Richard (Teacher), Klu Gaines (Parent), Bertha Ollie (Parent), Stacia Wilson (Parent), Sharon Davis (Parent), and Eunice Edwards (Parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Songhai Learning Institute.

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 Songhai Learning Institute on February 21, 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:

Approved:



COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer




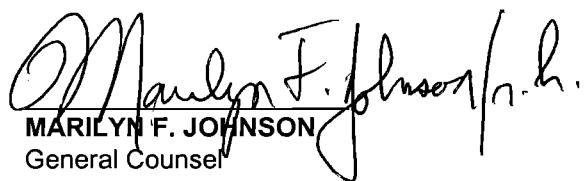
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel