

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE US CHESS FEDERATION'S 2002 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of member Chicago public schools in the US Chess Federation's 2002 National Scholastic Chess Championship and authorize travel and other expenses related to the program.

**USER:** Office of Schools and Regions  
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**PROGRAM:** The US Chess Federation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1939, which serves as the governing body for sanctioned chess in the United States. It is devoted to extending the role of chess in the schools and in the American society. It promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess for enjoyment as well as a means for academic improvement.

The US Chess Federation sponsors individual and team chess tournaments wherein students match their skills with those of other students from local area schools as well as from other states. The US Chess Federation requires the payment of membership fees for each student to participate in sanctioned competition at the local, state, and national level tournaments. When school affiliate fees are paid, CPS schools may play sanctioned competitive chess in local tournaments.

The 2002 National Scholastic Chess Championships will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, and will include the national scholastic chess championships for Junior High and High School (5-12). The US Chess Federation expects to attract over 3,000 scholastic chess players.

Aarco Travel is making the travel arrangements for 32 students and approximately 10-12 chaperones, for hotel rooms, ground transportation, and airline tickets. Students and chaperones will travel by airplane to Louisville, Kentucky. Eight four-member squads with a coach will play in the US Chess Federation's 2002 National Scholastic rated chess tournament during April 11-15, 2002. Aarco Travel will provide airlines tickets, shuttle service to and from the Louisville airport, and the hotel rooms at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students will: (1) demonstrate and apply knowledge of the game of chess; and (2) demonstrate and apply problem solving and diverse strategies; and (3) analyze and compare chess moves during competition; and (4) develop critical and higher order thinking skills.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Hotel, ground transportation, and airplane travel arrangements are currently being scheduled. Students and chaperones will travel by airplane to Louisville, Kentucky. The 2002 National Scholastic Chess Championship will be held April 11 to 15, 2002. Ground transportation will use taxis, buses, or shuttles.

**COST:** Travel: \$10,500.00 (airfare for 32 students and 10-12 chaperones). Ground transportation: \$1,300.00 (shuttle service to and from the airport to the hotel for 32 students and 10-12 chaperones). Hotel Accommodations: \$6,700.00 (14 rooms for the 32 students and 10-12 chaperones). Meals: \$6,500.00 (three daily meals for 32 students and 10-12 chaperones). The Office of Schools and Regions will pay all membership fees and travel expenses. Payment for airline tickets, shuttle services and hotel reservations shall be made either to Aarco Travel or to the airline, hotel, or shuttle services.

**CHAPERONES:** Each team will consist of four member squads and a coach: eight squads will participate at the 2002 National Scholastic Chess Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. The CPS Chess Coordinator, Mr. Thomas K. Larson, will also accompany the team. Other chaperones accompanying the students include Miss Elba M. Iñiguez, Administrator, Mr. Peter Nichols, teacher, and Mrs. Lyndia Gray, teacher.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be required and will be kept on file in the Office of Schools and Regions and in the Department of Sports Administration and Facilities Management.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and the Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for schools' participation in the tournament.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Schools and Regions: \$25,000.00      Fiscal Year: 2001-2002  
Budget Classification: 0953-210-000-2019-5500      Source of Funds: 210

**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.

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 budget(s).

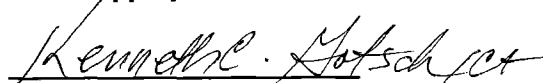
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

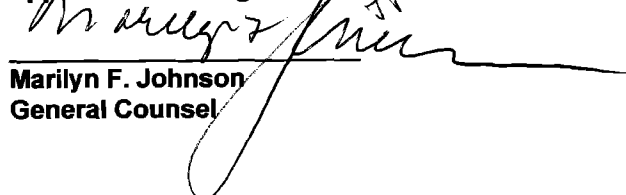
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel