

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF LASALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO PIACENZA, ITALY AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of LaSalle Language Academy in a foreign language and cultural immersion program to Piacenza, Italy, and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** LaSalle Language Academy  
1734 North Orleans Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60614  
(773) 534-8470  
Ms. Amy Weiss Narea, Principal

**PROGRAM:** In conjunction with its Language Academy Program, LaSalle Language Academy will send 18 students who reflect the school's racial/ethnic population to Italy from April 5, 2003 through April 19, 2003.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students in the Language Academy Program study a curriculum which emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural differences. During the field extension of their classrooms studies, students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary Italian life and culture. The students and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of school visits and field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by MICES, Inc.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$780.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. The meals and lodging will be provided by host families during the home stays. Scholarships have been provided by fund-raising activities so that no student is excluded for financial reasons.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 02-0828-PO04 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be Ms. Vita Cale' (teacher), and Ms. Gloria-Maria Cruz (teacher), and Ms. Ann Costopoulos (teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at LaSalle Language Academy.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This activity was approved by the LSC for LaSalle Language Academy on December 5, 2002.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board at this time.

**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.

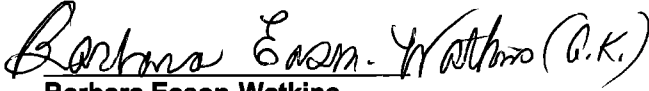
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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.

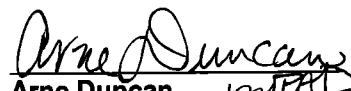
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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

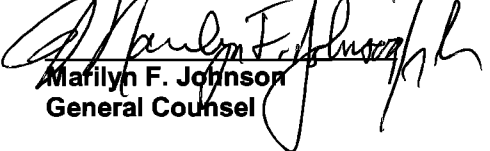
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Mafilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel