

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN A
LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO AND
AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of 12 South Shore Community High School students in a foreign language and cultural immersion program to Mexico City, Mexico, and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

USER: South Shore Community High School
7529 South Constance
Chicago, Illinois 60649
(773) 535-6180
Mr. Leonard Kenebrew, Principal

PROGRAM: Our World Language Program at South Shore Community High School will send students to Mexico City from April 10, 2004, through April 16, 2004.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: It is strongly believed that students learn a second language best when they are immersed in the language and culture. By traveling to Mexico City, the students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the Spanish language, but also in the daily culture. This will be a great opportunity for the students to use everything that they have learned. The students will verbally, audibly, visually and kinesthetically learn through experience more about the language as a culture and not just as a spoken language. Overall we will give our students a life time opportunity to study a world language in a unique way; to be able to travel to a new place and discover the culture, heritage and way of living of those in a different country. During this voyage the students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary Spanish life and culture. The students and their teachers/faculty will follow a prescribed itinerary of field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are made by EF Explore America Tour Consultant.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1,041.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. Funds for the excursion are provided by grants, 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 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with student will be Mr. Drop (teacher), and Ms. Imelda Meza (teacher), and Mr. Melvin Soto, (Assistant Principal).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at South Shore Community High School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Non-Active

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledges 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:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer



Approved as to Legal Form:



RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel