

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARCONI COMMUNITY ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of eighteen (18) 8th grade Marconi Community Academy students in an educational tour to New York City, N.Y. and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: Marconi Community Academy
230 N. Kolmar Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 534-6210
Betty Houston

PROGRAM: A five-day educational tour to New York City, N.Y. from May 24, 2004, through May 28, 2004.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of this educational trip is to:

- Provide students with experiences to identify compare and contrast the roles of economic and political contributions of historical and contemporary individuals in America.
- Develop student understanding of key developments in the history of urban centers in the nation.
- Help students trace and analyze the historical development of a specific locale.
- Enhance student understanding of how various cultural traditions contribute to the transmission of culture.
- Develop student awareness of the causes and effects of pivotal events in United States history.
- Give students the opportunity to identify the patterns of economic activities through the job of the United Nations.

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

COST: The per pupil cost is \$998.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health and accident insurance and trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid student fees and moneys raised through fund-raising activities.

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. Touring with the students will be Ms. Betty Houston (coordinator) and Ms. Doris Ward (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Marconi Community Academy.

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 the LSC for Marconi Community Academy on October 21, 2003.

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.


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:

Approved:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer



ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel