

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL HISTORICAL TOUR OF KRAKOW, WARSAW, AND LUBLIN POLAND AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

The approval of the participation of eighteen (18) Northside College Prep High School students in an educational tour to Krakow, Warsaw, and Lublin, Poland from March 18-26, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Northside College Prep High School  
5501 N. Kedzie Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60625  
(773) 534-3954 phone  
Dr. James Lalley, Principal and Nicole Flores, Teacher

**PROGRAM:** Students from Northside Prep will spend 8 days studying history in Poland through first hand accounts. These students will be engaged in daily educational activities, including visits to camps, ghettos, and universities throughout their stay in Poland. They will prepare during the current school year through film, readings, research, and first hand survivor accounts of the atrocities committed during this period in history.

**EDUCATION VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The students at Northside College Prep will be preparing for this trip throughout the school year in different facets. They will have a strong knowledge of WWI, WWII, and the atrocities committed during the Holocaust. It is important for their generation to understand what has happened in history and be able to carry the survivors' words and lives into the future. Soon, we will not be able to have first hand accounts of this period in our history, and it is up to the younger generation to help us learn from mistakes made in history and work to help prevent these atrocities like discrimination and hatred to flourish. Students will not only visit ghettos and camps in Krakow, Warsaw, and Lublin, but will also discover the beauty and culture of Poland. Some of the sites included in our trip are: Wawel Cathedral, the Museum of Jewish History and Culture, Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, Warsaw's Jewish Ghetto and Krakow University. Upon returning home from the trip, students will compile their experiences into presentations for our school and community. The purpose of this trip is to allow these high school students to experience this time in history, both where it happened and also with the people whose lives were affected during this terrible time in our history. These students will be able to carry the legacy of the survivors back to the United States, to Chicago, with the hopes of reaching out to others to make sure history doesn't repeat itself.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Passports Educational Travel Company, 389 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562-1908 are providing arrangements for this trip. Contact phone (508) 885-4600, fax (508) 885-0329, Website: <http://www.passports.com>

**COST:** Each student is required to pay \$2099 for the program plus an additional \$79 for Insurance/Medical. Fundraising efforts and parental payments will result in there being no cost to the Chicago Public Schools for this educational travel opportunity.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be Nicole Flores (teacher), Lidia Ortiz (teacher), and Donald Horne (volunteer).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Parental consent and liability release forms for each student are on file at Northside College Prep.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

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

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board.

**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 Board of Trustees 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 of other termination of their terms of office.

Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed to be a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**

  
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**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**

  
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**JOHN MAIORCA**  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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**RUTH MOSCOVITCH**  
General Counsel