

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE KENWOOD ACADEMY CONCERT CHOIR IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO OBERLIN, O.H., WASHINGTON, D.C., BALTIMORE, M.D., NORTHFOLK, V.A., GREENSBURG, N.C., NASHVILLE, T.N., AND LEXINGTON, K.Y. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

The approval of the participation of sixty-eight (68) Kenwood Academy Concert Choir students in an educational tour from March 18-26, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Kenwood Academy  
5015 South Blackstone  
Chicago, Illinois 60615  
(773) 535-1350  
Users: Arthur Slater, Principal and Kenneth M. Lenon, Instructor

**PROGRAM:** The Kenwood Concert Choir will present concerts and attend admissions seminars and tours at the following universities and churches. Oberlin College, Howard University, Morgan State University, Hampton University Norfolk State University, North Carolina A & T University, Livingstone University, Tennessee State University, Fisk University. –Miles Memorial Church, Bethel Church, Wesley United Methodist Church.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The students will perform Vocal Literature learned and participate in admissions seminars and tours at the universities and churches listed on the itinerary. A follow-up discussion and evaluation will take place in class upon their return.

This educational tour will also provide the students with an opportunity to achieve the following State Goals for Learning adopted in 1997 and Chicago Public Schools' Fine Arts Standards 2000. The State Goals that they will utilize are state goals 26 and 27.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Kenneth M. Lenon, Concert Choir teacher and Walls Transportation (Mr. Goodlow).

**COST:** The cost per person is \$ 600.00, which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by the guardian of each participant with the exception of transportation, which will be paid by funds raised by the Kenwood Academy Concert Choir and some meals, which will be provided by the institutions visited.

**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 the students will be Kenneth Lenon (teacher), Donna Allen (parent), Brandon Allen (parent), Bertha Coleman-Hudson (parent), Patricia Harrell (parent), Elizabeth Jackson (parent), Gale Davis (parent), Shirdee Lawrence (parent), Gloria Polk (parent), David Thomas (parent), Tammera Vanderbilt (parent), Pat Weston (parent), and Sandra Young (parent).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student is on file at Kenwood 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 Kenwood Academy on February 8, 2005.

**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 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.

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:**



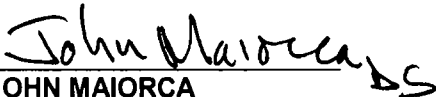
**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**



**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**



**JOHN MAIORCA**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** *MR*



**RUTH MOSCOVITCH**  
General Counsel