

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF KENWOOD ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO OBERLIN, OH, HAMPTON, VA, GREENSBORO, N.C., CHARLOTTE, N.C., ATLANTA, GA, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN, AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of forty (40) Kenwood Academy High School students in an educational tour from April 11-16, 2005 and authorize travel or other expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Kenwood Academy
5015 S. Blackstone
Chicago IL 60615
773-535-1350
User: Dr. Shelby T. Wyatt, Counselor

PROGRAM: Freedom Tour – 2005 is a five state college tour. The students will visit Oberlin College, Hampton University, North Carolina A & T, Johnson C. Smith University, Morehouse College, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Wabash College. The trip is scheduled for April 11 – 16, 2005. The purpose of the trip is to provide access to post-secondary opportunities. The students are 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) reported in 2003 and 2004 that secondary institutions are not readily preparing students for postsecondary matriculation. The educational value of the Freedom tour is to empower African American males to consider education as the catalyst to their future success. Participating in this tour meets the principles of the Office of Post-Secondary education: Awareness, Readiness, Access, and Success. The students will receive admission, financial aid, scholarship, campus life, and career information from representatives of the various colleges and universities. The expected outcomes of participating in this tour are: 1. Students will develop a secondary educational plan to prepare for post-secondary education. 2. Students will be able to compare and contrast the educational opportunities of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, majority White institutions, public versus private institutions, and co-ed versus all male institutions. 3. Students will establish a working relationship with the college and university representatives to participate in summer academic workshops/symposiums/research projects that would introduce them to scholarly environments.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Transportation will be provided by Walls Transportation, 1515 West 74th Street, Chicago IL 60636, (773) 651-1369, Attn: Mr. Goodloe.

Hotel Accommodations:

(Oberlin College) Holiday Inn Elyria – 1825 Lorain Boulevard, Elyria OH 44035, (440) 324-5411, Attn: Marcy Greek.

(Hampton University) Ramada Inn – 1905 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666, (757) 827-7400

(Johnson C. Smith University) Adam's Mark – Charlotte, 555 S. McDowell St, Charlotte NC 28204, (704) 348-4112, Attn: Lisa Littlejohn.

(Wabash College) Holiday Inn – Crawfordsville, 2500 North Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, (765) 362-8700.

COST: The per person cost is \$439.45 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. Each traveler will pay the costs.

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 Dr. Shelby T. Wyatt (counselor), Venise Bradley (coach), Melanie Burrows (parent), Paulette Heard (parent), Derrick Lane (volunteer), and Kyle McGhee (volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Kenwood Academy High School.

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 11, 2005.

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 – 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.

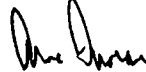
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

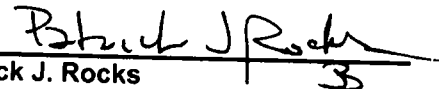


ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


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General Counsel