

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARIA SAUCEDO SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY
8TH GRADE STUDENTS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of forty-two (42) Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy 8th grade students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from April 22- 24, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy
2850 W. 24th St. Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60623
773-534-1770
User: Mr. Lawrence Gurga

PROGRAM: Saucedo students will visit various historical sites in our nation's capital. The students and chaperones will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, Arlington Nation Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, and Petersen House. Einstein Statue, various memorials, National Zoo, Washington Monument, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institution, and other sites as deemed appropriate.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: To learn more about the impact of these historic sites which the students studied throughout the school year.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Tour Services Inc. P.O. Box 718 Hinsdale, IL 60522 phone number 1- (630) 325-5805.

COST: The total cost of the trip is \$25,158.00. Each participant will pay \$599.00. The cost includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, other cost, etc.

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 Gerald Klein (teacher), Arlene Moore (teacher), Jesse Partida (teacher), Susan Lee (teacher), and Tiffany Kibble (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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 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.

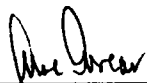
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



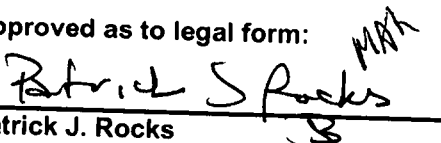
ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel