

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO STRASBURG AND PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES
RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

The approval of the participation of eleven (11) Northside College Preparatory High School in an educational tour to Strasburg and Paris, France from June 15-30, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Northside College Preparatory High School
5501 N. Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625
773.534.3954 x 312
Users: Tamara Montgomery, Teacher and Dr. James Lalley, Principal

PROGRAM: MiCES has been organizing and administrating exchanges and programs in France for Chicago and Chicago area schools since 1972. Marcia Hochberg, the director of MiCES, is a retired French teacher having taught French for 31 years. Some of the Chicago schools for which MiCES is administrating or had been administrating programs at LaSalle Language Academy since 1976, Walter Payton College Prep, Lincoln Park High School, Morgan Park High School, and Murray Language Academy. Students and teachers from Strasbourg will be visiting students and schools in Chicago for two weeks in April 2005 (tentative date: April 5-6 to 19-20). Excursions and activities are to be arranged by the hosting schools and coordinated respectively by MiCES in Chicago and SAM, our coordinating association in Strasbourg. The purpose of these excursions is to acquaint the visiting students with Chicago.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will be able to put to practical use their study of the French language and culture that they have received in the classroom. They will be visiting a part of France they have studied during their first, second and third years of French. They will also be required to keep a daily journal of their experiences in French to be turned in for homework credit. In addition to the journal, they will also be required to speak in French as much as possible. While in Paris, students will put to use their study of Parisian landmarks and their history as well as the practical knowledge of using the Métro train system.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Marcia Hochberg, coordinator of MiCES, Inc, is making Arrangements for this program. 1200 N. Lake Shore Drive, Suite 501 Chicago, IL 60610. 312.944.3690. The trip itinerary is as follows: June 15 – evening departure from Chicago; June 16 - morning arrival in Strasbourg via Frankfurt and arrival in Strasburg via motor coach where students will be met by their host families; June 16 – 25 – Homestay in Strasbourg with activities to be planned by families and host schools; June 25 – depart for Paris with a stop in Reims to visit the cathedral; June 25 – 30 – Hotel stay in Paris with daily excursions to see the sites; June 30 – early morning transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport with departure from Paris to Chicago arriving the same day.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$1980, which includes the services and coordination of MiCES, Inc. and its coordinating organization in France, orientations and materials to prepare participants for the cultural program, round-trip transportation via Lufthansa, all land transfers via private motor coach, 5 nights hotel stay in Paris, breakfast and dinner each day of stay in Paris, entrance fees and travel fees to Versailles, the cost of travel for one chaperone per 10 students, and all taxes and gratuities. The students 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 Tamara Montgomery (French teacher at Northside Preparatory High School), Michelle McGillivray (French teacher at Morgan Park), and Marcia Hochberg (Volunteer MICES Program Coordinator).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Northside College Preparatory High School.

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.

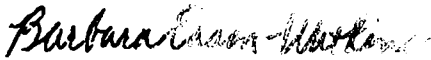
GENERAL CONDITIONS:

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.

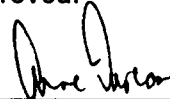
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

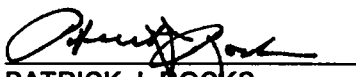


ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


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PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel