

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHWEST MIDDLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 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 fifty (50) Northwest Middle Elementary School eighth-grade students in an educational tour to Washington, D. C. from May16-19, 2005 and authorize travel or other expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Northwest Middle School
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Chicago, IL 60639
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User: Marilyn Strojny, Principal

PROGRAM: Three days, three nights, eighth grade Washington educational tour.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of this program is to enrich student's lives by extending education into the worldwide classroom and providing the best opportunity for learning through seeing, experiencing, and interacting with our nation's history and the United States Constitution.

- Provide students a better understanding of, and exposure to our nation's capital.
- Have a basis to compare and contrast the role and function of our government with other political systems.
- Provide students first-hand experience with the working of the three branches of government. Serve as, culminating activity to Illinois Learning Standards, Goals and Benchmarks.
- Further pupil's awareness of themselves and their potential influence and contribution to society.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: World Strides Tour Company is arranging for this program. Vendor # 37536

COST: The per pupil/person cost is \$ 479.00 which includes chartered motor coach transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, sightseeing fees entrance costs, educational materials, discovery journals, on-line learning center, on-site staffing, tour coordinator, course leader, night chaperones, bus driver and accident insurance \$ 26 million professional liability, accident and health USTOA protection plan all taxes, tips and gratuities. WorldStride will pay all costs listed above other than per pupil/person fee of \$ 479.00.

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

Traveling with the students will be, Mr. Corrigan (Teacher), Ms. Martinez (Teacher), Mr. Patock (Teacher), Mrs. Warden (Teacher), and Mr. Sanchez (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Northwest Middle 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 Northwest Middle School on March 16, 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: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel