

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF BELL SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

The approval of the participation of eighty (80) Bell School Elementary School Students in an educational tour of Washington, D.C. from May 24 – 26, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** A.G. Bell Elementary School  
3730 N. Oakley  
Chicago, IL 60618  
(773) 534-5150  
User: Robert A. Guercio, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Three-day educational tour of Washington D.C. from May 24, 2005 to May 26, 2005.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:**

- Better understanding and exposure to our nation's capital.
- Develop a basis to compare and contrast the role and function of our government with other political systems.
- First-hand experience with the three branches of government.
- Reinforce curriculum study of U.S. history and government and reinforce on-going understanding of the three diverse departments of Bell School (Neighborhood, Deaf and Gifted).
- Visit Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts college for the deaf in the world.
- To bring to life the students' understanding of the U.S. Constitution.
- To further students' awareness of themselves and their potential influence and contribution to society.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Travel Services Incorporated, Vendor #26855, Phone Number 1-630-489-0796 is making the arrangements for this program.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$625.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. The costs will be paid by the individual students and money raised through fundraising activities. Chaperones are free for each eight students.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-POO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with the students will be Robert Guercio (principal), Suzi Gantz (teacher), Kambri Hauser (teacher), Grayling Coleman (teacher), Maryan Fine (teacher), Suzanne Saposnik (teacher), Jennifer Runions (teacher), Kathleen Marunich (coordinator), Jose Rios (Chicago Police Officer), Frank Campbell (parent), Michael Gschwind (parent), Richard Capone (parent), Jerry Arena (parent), and Lisa Gschwind (parent).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Bell School.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This action was approved by the LSC for Bell School on February 10, 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.

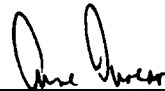
Contingent Liability — Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**

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**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

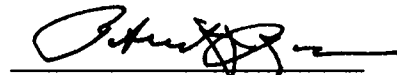


**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**

  
**JOHN MAIORCA**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 

  
**PATRICK J. ROOKS**  
General Counsel