

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL MIXED CHORUS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO THE TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL CHORAL MUSIC SHOWCASE FESTIVAL AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of forty-four (44) Morgan Park High School Mixed Chorus students in an educational tour to the Toronto High School International Choral Music Showcase Festival from May 13-15, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Morgan Park High School Mixed Chorus
1744 West Pryor Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643
(773) 535-2550
Users: Mr. Richard Nunley, Jr., Music Teacher-School Choral Director and
Mr. Charles Alexander, Principal

PROGRAM: The 44 students of the Morgan Park High School Mixed Chorus will attend the Toronto High School International Choral Music Showcase Festival, an international choral competition and music festival and will participate as one of several competing choirs.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The Morgan Park High School choral music students will have the opportunity to participate in an international music competition and will use the musical skills they have learned in class, in accordance with national standards. They will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with music students and other music professionals from several other cultures.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Music Showcase Festivals, P.O. Box 533, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania 19508 (800) 545-0935.

COST: The per student cost is \$140.00, and the per chaperone cost is \$170.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, choir adjudications, awards ceremony, trophies and awards, festival pins and a free camera for each student. The costs will be paid for by funds from fundraising activities.

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 Mrs. Judi Dixon (Parent-LSC Member), Ms. Cathy Morrison (Parent), Ms. Marjette Alston (Parent), Ms. Meredith Patterson (Parent), Mrs. Bland Henderson (Parent), Ms. Judy Miller (Parent), Mr. Carl Winfrey (Teacher, Piano Accompanist), and Mr. Richard Nunley, Jr. (Music Teacher-School Choral Director).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student and chaperone are on file at Morgan Park 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.

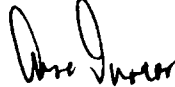
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

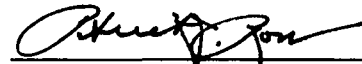


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel