

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF LANGSTON HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF TOKYO, JAPAN
AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fifteen (15) students from Langston Hughes Elementary School in an educational tour of Tokyo, Japan from October 1-8, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Langston Hughes Elementary School
226 W. 104th St.
Chicago, Illinois 60629
535-5075
User: Earl Ware, Principal

PROGRAM: Students from Langston Hughes Elementary School will spend 8 days in Japan to develop a greater understanding of the culture and language of the Japanese people, the social and economic system of Japan. Students who study Japanese at the school will be able to practice the language and have an integrated and interactive experience of everyday life in Japan, visit an elementary school, visit cultural landmarks and perform at a cultural event.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will be provided with an integrated and interactive learning experience in developing additional knowledge of Japanese culture and language. This experience will provide our students with a lasting impression of the world and the value of interacting and learning from other cultures.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Richard Soler, Executive Director of Japan America Society of Chicago, 312-263-3049.

COST: The costs which, includes air transportation, meals, hotel and bus transportation will be paid by Mr. Ichiro Ozawa, a member of the House of Representatives, Japan "Dream Project of 21st Century" grant, which will result in there being no cost to the Chicago Public Schools for this educational travel opportunity.

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

Traveling with students will be Mitsuko Rokuhira (Teacher), Sandra Nichols (Teacher), Shreen Scott (Teacher), Dennis Vail (Teacher) and Licus Smith (Parent), and Maria Hampton (Parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Langston Hughes Elementary 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 at this time.

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 Rocks
General Counsel