

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE TO ERSTEIN/STRASBOURG/PARIS, FRANCE
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of seventeen (17) Walter Payton College Preparatory High School students in a cultural exchange to Erstein/Strasbourg/Paris, France from April 5th through 13th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Walter Payton College Prep High School
1034 N. Wells St.
Chicago, IL 60610
773.534.0034 x 322
Users: Abby Imrem, Alicia Gonzalez, and Gail Ward

PROGRAM: Educational, linguistic, and cultural field trip to Erstein/Strasbourg and Paris, France. Students and teachers will stay with families in Erstein/Strasbourg and a youth residence in Paris. Payton students hosted Erstein students in October 2005, and will maintain consistent communication with them through April.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will gain significant linguistic fluency and cultural knowledge and will have the benefit of exposure to life outside of Chicago and the US. Prior to the visit, we will study together the history, geography and culture of France. Students will finally be able to experience first-hand the material they have learned in the classroom.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION Arrangements for this program are being made by MICeS, Inc., 1200 North Lake Shore Drive, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610. 312-944-3690 contact: Marcia Hochberg

Wednesday, April 5 – Thursday, April 13, 2006

April 5: Air France Flight 051
Depart Chicago O'Hare 5:40 pm, Arrive Paris 8:50 am April 6

April 6: Air France flight 7762
Depart Paris 12:40 pm, arrive Strasbourg 1:50 pm

April 6-11: Strasbourg with families

April 11: SNCF Train from Erstein to Strasbourg to Paris
Depart Erstein 7:13 am, arrive Paris 11:58 am

April 11-13: Paris with group, staying in youth residence
FIAP Jean Monnet
30, rue Cabanis
75014 Paris, France
011.33.1.43.13.17.00

April 13: Air France Flight 050
Depart Paris 1:15 pm, arrive Chicago O'Hare 4:25 pm

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1300, which includes air fare, Paris accommodations, local transportation, museum visits/tours, meals, liability insurance, accident/medical insurance, and taxes. One complimentary chaperone flight is provided for every 5 paid students. The costs will be paid by individual families.

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 Abby Imrem (teacher), Alicia Gonzalez (teacher), and Tom Pozen (teacher).

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action is pending approval by the LSC for Walter Payton College Prep High School on December 15, 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:

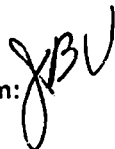


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel