

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREP IN THE
CPS-CHICAGO SISTER CITY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TO DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND
AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fourteen (14) Walter Payton College Preparatory students in the CPS-Chicago Sister City International Program to Durban, South Africa from April 2nd – 14th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Walter Payton College Prep High School
1034 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
773-534-0034 ext. 138
Samuel E. Dyson, Teacher and Gail Ward, Principal

PROGRAM: Walter Payton College Prep will send 14 high school students that are enrolled in a year-long Zulu seminar to participate in the CPS-Chicago Sister City International Program to Durban, South Africa from April 2 – 14, 2006. This is an educational student exchange trip with students from their sister school, Vukuzakhe High School located in L Section of Umlazi Township, 30 minutes from downtown Durban, South Africa. Durban, South Africa is a Sister City of Chicago, Illinois.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Among the many objectives for student travel to South Africa are the exposure of students to one of Africa's most economically and socially complex societies, a deepening of student appreciation for their role and responsibilities in an increasingly global society, a greater appreciation for and response to the needs and concerns of developing communities, and increased linguistic and cultural literacy gained from daily exposure to the Zulu language and immersion in the Zulu culture. Long-term objectives include the further establishment of the sister school relationship between Walter Payton and Vukuzakhe High Schools, which further advances the sister city relationship between Chicago and Durban. Thus far, this sister school relationship has produced two videoconferences hosted in South Africa by the University of KwaZulu-Natal. International connections with South African educational institutions and companies will benefit students and educators in both Durban and Chicago.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Suzette Sampson, President of Sampson Networking, our travel agency recommended by the South African Consulate.

COST: The family contribution per pupil is \$2000 which will be applied toward transportation and hotel accommodations. The actual cost per traveler will be approximately \$3000 with the entire trip cost being \$50,000. The difference between family contributions and the actual travel cost will be paid by a combination of aggressive fund-raising activities and a generous grant from the Chicago Public School Board President's Discretionary Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

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.

Our group will have four chaperones Sam Dyson (Payton Physics Teacher), Kristen Benson (Payton History Teacher), Elizabeth Branch Dyson (volunteer), and Suzette Sampson (volunteer and Illinois based South African travel agent). Both Ms. Sampson and Ms. Branch Dyson are completing the necessary steps to become Board – approved volunteers.

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

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 Walter Payton College Prep High School on December 15, 2005.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Walter Payton College Prep: \$10,000 Fiscal Year: 2006
Budget Classification: 1090-210-243-0252-5500 Source of Funds: General Funds
Requisition Number:

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.

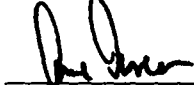
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel