

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE
PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of thirty-two (32) Northside College Preparatory and Senn High School Students in an educational tour to Paris, France from April 7th through 14th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Northside College Preparatory
5501 N. Kedzie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
773.534.3954
Dr. James Lalley, Principal and Tamara Montgomery, Teacher

PROGRAM: The MiCES, Inc. Paris 2006 trip is an educational trip abroad in which students will continue their studies of the French language and culture. Students will spend 7 nights in Paris and 8 days in Paris during Spring Break. The Program will focus on students' further enhancement of their literacy skills and cultural knowledge through a series of museum visits, monumental tours and general immersion on the language and culture of Paris.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The program is designed as such as students will be able to put to practical use the information they have been studying in class. The students will develop their own itinerary based on information given in class and research done online and in the library. This will allow students to take an active role in this program instead of being a passive tourist. Students will visit all major monuments and museums and in doing such will put into use all of their literacy skills since they will have to read, speak, write and listen to French during the entire stay in Paris. Students will also have assignments before, during and after their trip to assess their knowledge of the French language and culture. At the end of their trip, students should be more confident in their literacy skills as well as more knowledgeable about French history and culture.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Marcia Hochberg, coordinator of MiCES, Inc. 1200 N. Lake Shore Drive, Suite 501 Chicago, IL 60610. 312.944.3690. A general itinerary would be as follows: April 7th: arrive in Paris in the afternoon, check into hotel, explore the Latin Quarter and view the city from the top of the Arc de Triomphe at night; April 8th: Morning guided tour of the Louvre; afternoon shopping on the Champs-Élysées; evening bus tour of city; April 9th: Morning guided tour of the Musée d'Orsay; afternoon return to the Latin Quarter to explore La Sorbonne; evening visit to Notre-Dame; April 10th: day trip to Giverny; April 11th: morning and afternoon in Montmartre to visit Sacre Coeur and explore the artist quarter; evening spent on Rue de la Huchette; April 12th: Visits to Rodin Museum, Napoleonic Museum and the Catacombes; students have a free afternoon to finish shopping at the Galleries Lafayette; April 13th: Day at Versailles; evening visit to top of the Eiffel Tower; April 14th: return to Chicago.

COST: The cost per person is \$1350 which includes transportation, breakfast, and hotel. The costs will be paid by the students.

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 Tamara Montgomery (Teacher), Kim Treger (Teacher), Fanny Clonch (Teacher), Andrew Plonka (Teacher), Robert Blease (Teacher), and Carolyn Rownd (Teacher).

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

AUTHORIZATION: Not applicable

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.

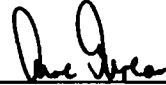
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

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