

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MCNAIR ACADEMIC CENTER IN AN EDUCATIONAL
TOUR TO "DISNEY YOUTH EDUCATION SERIES" IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fifty (50) McNair Academic Center students in an educational program to Orlando, Florida for the "Disney Youth Education Series" from May 23rd through May 28th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: McNair Academic Center
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Chicago, IL 60651
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User: Dr. Shirley A. Dillard, Principal

PROGRAM: Disney Youth Education Series Program – The students of McNair are interested in exploring the historical and technological development of the American society. Specifically, this trip will engage the students in discovering the diversity of the characters, conflicts, and resolutions of the United States of America as its people strived to make E Pluribus Unum a way of life. Students will explore how oral traditions were a way of communicating values, events, traditions, and heritage from one generation to the next. Through the realms of technology, students will get the opportunity to come face to face with past Presidents of the United States of America by means of Audio-Animatronics figures. Students explore the major conflicts and resolutions during presidential administrations. Students will document said experiences through the use of personal cameras, journals, and camcorders. Students will return with an understanding of the development of the American society and share their new knowledge with the McNair community, via power point presentations at the McNair Technology Fair.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: To provide the students with the opportunity to experience learning outside of the "normal" learning environment. The students will be exposed to interactive learning with an emphasis on Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences and Technology. Students will attend classes that are aligned with the National Academic Technology Standards which will support the Chicago Reading Initiative. The students will leave having experienced real life situations while learning a variety of concepts and issues that affect and can be applied to everyday living. The following topics will be reported on by the students:

- The conflicts and resolutions of the United States
- The major conflicts and resolutions during presidential administrations
- The technological advancements of the American Society

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Disney Youth Group Programs for lodging, classes, food and passes. The contact person for this program is Melissa Robbins. Students will be residing at the Disney's All Star Resort with quad occupancy. Transportation is being provided by Spirit Tours, Inc., a Chicago Public Schools approved vendor. All arrangements are being coordinated by Mrs. Latonya Brown, 8th Grade teacher @ McNair Academic Center.

COST: The per pupil/person cost is \$ 480.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, classes, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by the students and one McNair fundraiser.

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. There will be one chaperone per 10 students as required. Traveling with the students are Mrs. Latonya Brown (Teacher), Mrs. Lesley Washington (Teacher), Ms. Brenda Lawrence (Assistant Principal), Ms. Maudestine McLeary (Dean of Students) and Mr. Andre Brown (Parent volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms, for each student is on file at McNair Academic Center.

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 McNair Academic Center on September 25, 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 Malorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel