

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATION TOUR TO GUANAJUATO, GUADALAJARA, MEXICO CITY, AND PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of eighteen (18) Northside College Preparatory High School students in an educational tour to Guanajuato, Guadalajara, Mexico City, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from April 6th through 14th and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Northside College Preparatory High School
5501 N. Kedzie Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60625
773/534-3954 x 122
Dr. James Lalley and Humberto Gutiérrez

PROGRAM: The Colloquium is a world of opportunity for learning- Learning more about the world in which we live, our companions in living and learning. Colloquium explodes the traditional boundaries of learning- the carefully defined academic subject areas. Piqued by curiosity or interest, students and teachers dive into experiences that challenge all to new levels of flavor for learning and living. Its power comes from the desire of engaged learners exploring an area of common interest, as Northside begins its seventh year, Colloquium remains the hallmark of the experience here. The Get to Know México Colloquium is an opportunity to educate NCPHS students about the culture, tradition, educational standards in different regions in México. Our students will also get an opportunity to travel for two weeks to Guanajuato, México City, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta. During this visit they will be able to exchange ideas with Mexican students, and open doors to a future Mexican exchange program. The course also offers opportunities for students in other ways: Political figures from the Chicago land area México and speakers from different educational institutions in the US. We are also visiting Mexican sites in the city to show students the importance of diversity in our society.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: EF Educational Tour Company is well known in the entire world for their work in the educational field. The students will be traveling to many different historical sites and cities in the Nation of México. The Pyramids of Teotihuacán, Basilica de Guadalupe, Plaza de La Reforma, House of Mexican Artist Diego Rivera and Frida Calo, Teatro Juarez, Xochimilco, Universidad de Guanajuato, Azteca Stadium etc.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by EF Educational Tour Company @ www.Eftours.com.

COST: The cost per person is \$1,135 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by student and parents.

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 Humberto Gutierrez (teacher), Jesse Santiago (teacher), David Diaz (ESP), and Maha Shohwan (ESP).

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

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