

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JAMES HEDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of eighty (80) Hedges Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 29 through June 2, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: James Hedges Elementary School
4747 South Winchester Avenue
Chicago, IL 60609
773-535-4680
Barbara Glapa, Principal and Alfonso Carmona, Teacher

PROGRAM: An educational tour to Washington, D.C. for the students at James Hedges Elementary School from May 29 through June 2, 2006.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour, which focuses on both events and figures that impacted United States history, as well as how our government functions on a daily basis ties in directly with the seventh and eighth grade curriculum. Students have been studying United States history, including the creation of our nation and the Constitution, the many wars that have affected our economy and morale, and the impact of each individual president. The trip will enhance their understanding of these events and their relevance to our lives today. The trip is also committed to expanding their knowledge of the freedoms that are granted to Americans and how these freedoms were achieved.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Nova Tours and Travel, 504 Vine St. Liverpool, NY 13088. Contact phone: (315) 451-0260 or (800) 543-6682; Fax (315) 451-0263; email: Donna@novatours.com. This trip includes visits to monuments and museums, including the Holocaust Museum, Capitol Hill, FDR and Jefferson Memorials, and the Vietnam Wall. The dates for the trip are from May 29 through June 2, 2006.

COST: The cost per pupil/person is \$455.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid by students' family.

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 are Alfonso Carmona (teacher), Ravitha Madabushi (teacher), Bernadette Lasich (teacher), Isamar Vargas (teacher), Michael McDermott (teacher), Michael Zaker (Teacher), Beatrice Lara (ESP), Broderick Fuqua (ESP).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at James Hedges Elementary 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.

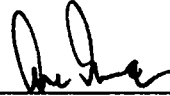
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

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