

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SPRY COMMUNITY LINKS HIGH SCHOOL IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES
RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twenty eight (28) senior students at Spry Community Links High School in an educational tour to New York City, N.Y. from May 18, 2006 through May 20, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

USER: Spry Community Links High School
2400 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60623
(773) 534-1997
Dr. Carlos M. Azcoitia, Principal

PROGRAM: An educational 3-day tour through multiple historical sites which includes: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, The Empire State Building Observatory, Federal Hall National Monument, The Statute of Liberty & Ellis Island, and many more sites.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Program provides students with the experience of a curriculum-based academic and a tour of New York City. This high school graduation trip will provide profound learning experiences for students, which help to build the foundation for lifetime of inspiration and motivation.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Gerber Tours "*The Student Travel Experts*" ~ located at 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 100, Westbury, New York, 11590-5119.

COST: The per pupil cost is ~~\$683.00~~ which includes Coach Bus Transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, admission fees, hotel security, guided tours, tour inclusions, health and accident insurance coverage, etc. The cost will be paid by the students.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be Mr. Eduardo Jimenez (Teacher), Mrs. Katie Cooley (Counselor), Mr. Justin Tuffy (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at John Spry Community School.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

AFFIRMATION ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This activity was approved by the LSC for Community Links High School on April 4, 2006.

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 shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The 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:



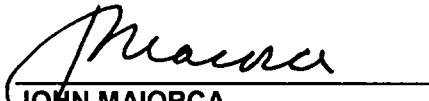
BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel