

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ELI WHITNEY 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 forty (40) Eli Whitney Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington D.C. from May 11, 2006 until May 13, 2006, and authorize all related travel expenses to the program if any.

USER: Eli Whitney Elementary School
2815 S. Komensky Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60623
(773) 534-1560
Mrs. Loida M. Acevedo, Teacher

PROGRAM: This is the eighth grade trip that is in conjunction with the Social Studies curricula. Visiting Washington D.C. will provide the eighth grade students with an overview of how our government works an understanding to our nation's laws, a preview of the major historical sites, visiting various memorials, and touring museums.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour activities are in keeping with the goals of the eighth grade curriculum. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance students' awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom in the areas of United States History and Politics. A detailed itinerary has been established to ensure that students will gain an invaluable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and promote interest for future classroom activities.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel Service, Inc. is making all travel arrangements for this trip and its program. An investigation of travel rates indicated Travel Services, Inc. provides the most economical travel services. Students will be housed at the Embassy Suite Hotel.

COST: The cost per student is \$525.00. Approximately, forty (40) students and four (4) teachers will be attending at a total cost of \$21,000.00. The trip cost includes transportation, accommodation, all meals, trip cancellation and protection against bodily injury or death.

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 Loida Acevedo (Assistant Principal), Jacqueline Goldman (Teacher), Selena Estka (Teacher), and Beth Bobst (Student Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: At Eli Whitney School there will be on file for each child participating in the tour a written parental consent and liability release forms. The parents and or legal guardians of eighth grade students were surveyed via letter. Parents were also informed of the trip on report card pick-up November 19, 2005. Parents are in support of this trip and its destination.

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:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

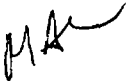



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Malorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel