

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF DUNBAR VOCATIONAL CAREER ACADEMY IN AN
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BUCHAREST, SIBIU, BRASOV, AND SIGHISORA, ROMANIA AND
AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of six (6) Dunbar Vocational Career Academy students in an educational tour to Bucharest, Sibiu, Brasov, and Sighisora, Romania from May 20 through May 29, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

USER: Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
3000 South King Drive
Chicago, IL 60616
773) 534-9000
Dr. Barbara Hall, Principal and Matthew King, Teacher

PROGRAM: An economic and cultural study abroad trip to Romania for the students at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy from May 20 through May 29, 2006. This is part of an ongoing economic partnership with a Romanian classroom where students have worked on cooperative economics projects. Students and teachers will stay with host families in Sibiu and youth residences and hotels in Bucharest, Brasov and Sighisora.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of this excursion is to give students the opportunity to study economics in a post-communist country that is working on establishing the principles of capitalism. The students will gain insight on the application of macroeconomics theories by working with a team of Romanian students on a collaborative project and interviewing Romanian business owners, students, consumers, and economists. Furthermore, they will broaden cultural horizons by being fully immersed in a Romanian school for a day and staying with host families. The culminating project will be a detailed report of the Romanian economy based on their experiences, observations, and interviews. Included will be their recommendations on fiscal and monetary policy actions needed to increase development and growth of the Romanian economy.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Lynn at STA Travel, 429 South Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60605. Contact phone: 312-786-9050, e-mail: chi@statravel.com Website: www.statravel.com. The travel arrangements will include airfare, travel insurance, trains and hostels.

COST: The per person cost is \$1,600.00 which includes airfare, meals, lodging, health and accident insurance, passports, entertainment, and ground transportation. The costs will be paid by a mix of grants, donations, fundraisers, and scholarships.

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 Matthew King (teacher) and Deborah Barnes (administrator/librarian).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this board 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.

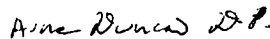
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

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