

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JAHN 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 thirty (30) Jahn Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 17th through May 21st, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Jahn Elementary School
3149 N. Wolcott Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 606
(773) 534-5500
Mrs. Sulma Grigalunas & Mr. Jason Merel

PROGRAM: The proposed field trip to Washington DC is a wonderful opportunity for our students. We will travel via coach bus to our nation's capitol between May 17th and May 21st. We will see everything Washington DC has to offer, complete with our own tour guide from the Hemisphere Educational Travel program, including the White House, the Supreme Court, and various National museums and memorials.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: My students have been studying the different types of governments of the world, with an emphasis on American democracy, for the past two years. We have read books, watched movies, taken tests (including the state-mandated Constitution test), created visuals, and even held debates about our government. Now it is time for these young adults to see our nation's capitol up close and personal. With much hope and anticipation, I believe this trip will be their most cherished scholastic memory. It is the culmination of their hard work and unrivaled effort in the pursuit of a dream no one student has ever taken from Jahn Elementary.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Mrs. Sulma Grigalunas, Jason Merel, and Hemispheres Educational Travel.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$610 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, a tour representative, free charge to chaperones, and hotel security from 10PM-5AM. The costs will be paid by the parents/guardians of our students and through fundraising activities.

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 Sulma Grigalunas (principal), Diane Koliarakis (teacher), Jason Merel (teacher), Paula Karas (teacher), Ashley Tingley (teacher), Oscar Ortiz (teacher), and Ziomara Perez (teacher).

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Jahn Elementary School on January 19, 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 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