

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SANDOVAL SCHOOL IN A STUDENT EXCHANGE AND  
MULTICULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO PANAMA CITY, PANAMA**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of twenty-one (21) Sandoval School seventh grade students on Track "A" calendar in a student exchange and multicultural immersion program from March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to Panama City, Panama.

**USER:** Sandoval School  
5534 South St. Louis  
Chicago, Illinois 60629  
(773) 535-0457  
Dr. David Espinoza, Principal

**PROGRAM:** To provide students with an educational enrichment beyond the classroom, Sandoval School will send twenty-one 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who reflect the school's racial/ethnic population to Panama City, Panama from March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 during Track "A" intersession.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The Cultural Immersion Program is designed to help participants experience Panama through a broad range of exceptional, educational experiences, both in the classroom and onsite. It is the premise of the program that these benefits will be longstanding and far reaching in their impact on students, teachers and administrators. Each student will shadow an individual student at their respective grade level and the teachers, and other staff members will shadow staff at their level. The prescribed itinerary of school visits and field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum will be followed.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Design and development for this program are being made by Belkis M. Santos, Ph.D., President and CEO of B. Santos Consulting Group, Inc. (312) 243-7210, in collaboration with the Chicago Public Schools Office of Language and Cultural Education and ground package arrangements are being made by Anna Royo, President of *Experience Panama*, a renowned destination management company (507) 214-2030.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$ 2,000.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, health and accident insurance coverage proving protection against bodily injury or death. Scholarships have been provided by fund-raising activities so that no student is excluded for financial reasons.

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

Traveling with the students will be Ms. Yesenia Carapia (7<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Mr. James Gniadek (7<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Ms. Wendy Guerra (7<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Ms. Kathleen Ann McLaughlin (7<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Ms. Dawn Ruff (Teacher), Mr. Jose Luis Illanes (Assistant Principal) and Dr. David Espinoza (Principal).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Sandoval 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

**Noted:**



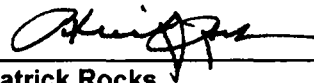
**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**



**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**



**Patrick Rocks**  
General Counsel

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