

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WESTINGHOUSE CAREER ACADEMY
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WEST SENEGAL, AFRICA**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twenty four (24) Westinghouse Career Academy students in an educational tour to West Senegal, Africa from March 30, 2007-April 7, 2007.

USER: Westinghouse Career Academy
3301 W. Franklin Blvd.
773-534-6400
Dr. Lona C. Bibbs, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with the study of African history, customs, and culture, Westinghouse Career Academy will send twenty four (24) students to West Senegal, Africa enriching their education through exchange of books and communications from a year long service project of inventorying books and other instructional educational materials. This will be an experience of a life time for the students who will also come back and present workshops to the school and communities. Students will study customs and current affairs of West Senegal, including Dakar and Goree Island. The students will have classroom instruction focusing on communication, presentation, and cooperative learning skills. They will tour museums, businesses and a number of communities in West Senegal, Africa. Students will share cultural experiences with West Senegal students. In conjunction with the service learning and literacy project, students will take books and other instructional materials to students in West Senegal, Africa to continue to promote literacy. Students will develop social and cognitive skills in the planning and preparing of the trip. The trip will further provide students opportunities to expand their global learning. This trip is in alignment with Westinghouse Career Academy's SIPAAA goals one and three.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: There is no greater value than traveling and experiencing another culture. Students' education will be enriched through touring, communicating, and experiencing first hand West Senegal, Africa, an important slave depot and the point of departure of millions of slaves to America. Students will learn the culture, history, customs and traditions of Africa. Students will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the African Language and the customs and history of Africa. Our Westinghouse Career Academy students will provide a legacy for the school in providing literacy beyond the school and community. Students will present awareness of literacy and connect it with their neighborhoods and communities through presentations and various awareness workshops. Our Westinghouse Career Academy students will come away from this experience more confident, exposed to their historical roots, and with an expanded understanding of themselves and the world around them. This is in alignment with the Westinghouse Career Academy's SIPAAA goals one and three.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Design Travel Consultants, 6839 South Pulaski, Suite 3-A, Chicago, IL 60629—773-838-1893.

COST: The cost person cost is \$2652.30 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance; etc the cost will be underwritten by The Third Gear Youth Leadership Foundation.

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. Chicago Public Schools chaperones are: Dr. Lona C. Bibbs, Principal, Mr. Chares Anderson, Counselor, Mr. Erik Hopkins, Teacher, and Dr. Belinda A. Rodgers, Teacher.

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

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 Westinghouse Career Academy School on January 9, 2007.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

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.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.


Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel