

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of (23) twenty-three Mitchell Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 25, 2007 until May 25, 2007.

USER: Mitchell Elementary School
2233 West Ohio Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612
(773) 534-7655
Luis Soria, Principal

PROGRAM: 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. This is the eighth grade trip that is in conjunction with the Social Studies curriculum.

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: Arrangements for this trip and its program are being made by Educational Tours, Inc., (847)509-0088.

COST: The cost per person is \$414.74 which includes transportation, meals, costs, health and accident insurance. The cost of the trip is being paid from Student Fees and Fund-Raising. The cost of the chaperones are to be paid from the adults.

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 students will be Luis Soria (Principal), Robert Wood (Teacher), Donna Wipf (Teacher), Lisa Fera (Teacher), Graciela Villarreal (LSC Chairperson), Rosa Hall (Parent) and Guadalupe Guerrero (Parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be on file at Mitchell Elementary School. Parents were also informed of the trip on report card pick-up November 8, 2006. 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: This action was approved by the LSC for Mitchell Elementary School on December 22, 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.

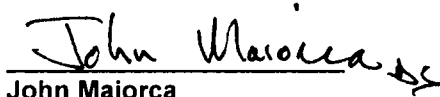
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Noted:



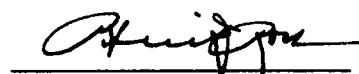
John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel