

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JAMES MONROE 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 forty-two (42) 8th grade James Monroe Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from April 23, 2007 - April 27, 2007.

USER: James Monroe Elementary School
3651 West Schubert Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60647
(773) 534-4155
James Menconi, Principal

PROGRAM: An educational 5-day tour of Washington, D.C. from April 23, 2007 - April 27, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:

The purpose of this field experience is to:

- Provide pupils first hand experience about the working of the three branches of government in a Democracy.
- Develop pupil understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities and rights of citizenship in a Democracy.
- Further pupils' awareness of themselves and the possibilities of their own influence and contribution to society.
- Motivate pupils to further their education and develop their talents to better serve themselves, their families, community and Country.
- Give pupils a "real life" opportunity to develop skills individually and as a group, to set goals, develop action plans and strategies and make decisions and choices to accomplish goals.
- Enhance pupils' study of American History, and the U.S. Constitution.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/ TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Educational Tours, Inc., (847) 374-0088- Vendor # 15208

COST: The per pupil cost is \$767 x 42 which includes transportation by bus, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance, admission fees, and chaperones. The costs will be paid by an allocation of \$10,000 from State Chapter 1 Funds and money raised through fund-raising activities so that no pupil would be 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"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be: James P. Menconi, Principal, Spyridoula Manis, teacher, Cynthia Gerber, teacher, Sandra Wadington, teacher, Michael DUEWELL, teacher, Jorge Seda, teacher.

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This activity was approved by the Local School Council for James Monroe Elementary school on January 10, 2007.

FINANCIAL: Charge to James Monroe Elementary School: \$10,000 Fiscal Year: 2006-2007
Budget Classification: 4850-234-703-6205-5500 Source of Funds: State Chapter 1 Fund

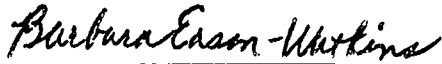
GENERAL CONDITIONS:

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:



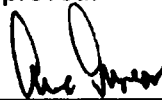
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel