

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL
IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO PARIS, FRANCE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of 25 Roberto Clemente High School students in a foreign language and cultural immersion program to Paris, France, and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

USER: Roberto Clemente High School
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Mr. Leonard Kenebrew, Principal

PROGRAM: The World Language Program at Roberto Clemente High School will send students to Paris, France from March 25, 2007 to April 2, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Reasons for students to travel abroad vary. Many students have not traveled outside the United States or even outside of Chicago. It is strongly believed that students learn a second language best when they are immersed in the language and culture. By traveling to Paris, France, students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the French language, but also in the daily culture. This will be a great opportunity for the students to use everything they have learned. The students will verbally, audibly, visually and kinesthetically learn through experience more about the language as a culture and not just as a spoken language. They will experience the simple differences in cultures that they have read about, such as transportation, atmosphere and environment not to mention flying for the first time for many. Overall, we will give our students a lifetime opportunity to study a world language in a unique way; to be able to travel to a new place and discover the culture, heritage and way of living of those in a different country. During this voyage the students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary French life and culture. The students and their teachers/faculty will follow a prescribed itinerary of field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

Benefits in traveling abroad give the students a new frame of reference for understanding the world and their role in it, and provide cultural exposure as well as leadership, job opportunities, and self-edification.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this trip are made by EF Educational Tours.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$1,747, which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. Funds for the excursion are provided by parents, grants, and 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"), including proper ratio of students to adults. The ratio of chaperones to students is 1-6. Traveling with the students will be Ms. Agatha Vasilescu (Department Chairperson), Ms. Marcia Budinsky (teacher), Ms. Ana Cordero (teacher), Ms. Clora Ferguson (teacher), and Mr. J. C. Love-Jordan (Registrar).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Roberto Clemente High School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

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:

Approved:



**Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer**



**Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer**

Within Appropriation:



**John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer**

Approved as to legal form: 



**Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel**