

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL
IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO SPAIN AND 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 Madrid, Spain, and Paris, France, and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

USER: Roberto Clemente High School
1147 North Western Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622
(773) 534-4000
Mr. Leonard Kenebrew, Acting Principal

PROGRAM: The World Language Program at Roberto Clemente High School will send students to Madrid, Spain, and Paris, France, from March 24, 2007 through April 1, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: It is strongly believed that students learn a second language best when they are immersed in the language and culture. By traveling to Spain and Paris, the students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the Spanish language and culture, but also in the daily culture of the French in Paris. This will be a great opportunity for students to use everything that they have learned in school. 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. Overall, we will give our students a life time 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 Spanish and French life and culture. The students and their teachers/faculty will follow a prescribed itinerary of field trips by EF Tours to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

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

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1,881, which includes transportation, European breakfast and dinner daily, hotel accommodations, and a full-time bilingual EF Tour Director. Funds for the excursion are provided by grants, 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. Traveling with students will be Mr. Robert Domínguez (Spanish Teacher), Ms. Miriam Valcarcel (Science Teacher), Mr. Gilberto Negrón (Spanish Teacher), Ms. Aura Escobar (Spanish Teacher) and Ms. Raelyn Lilly-Riley (Assistant Principal).

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

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Presidents 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.

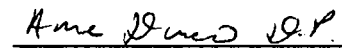
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



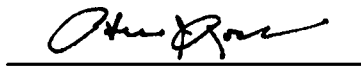
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel