

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF HARPER HIGH SCHOOL IN STUDENT TRIP TO MEXICO****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of twelve (12) Harper High School students in the student trip to Mexico from May 19, 2007 to May 27, 2007.

**USER:** Harper High School  
6520 S. Wood St.  
773-535-9150  
Jennifer Eggener

**PROGRAM:** Mexico's Gulf of Campeche Tour: Mexico City, Puebla, Palenque, Campeche, Mérida, Cancún.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students will increase their communication skills by conversing with locals at tour sites & hotels, ordering food at restaurants, etc., students will learn more about and witness the architecture and culture of the ancient civilizations of the Aztecs and the Mayans, will experience a bullfight, will visit the home and studios of Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera, and will feel what it's like to live in the largest capital city in the world.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by EF Educational Tours, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA 02141 (800) 665-5364.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$1599 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by student fundraising.

**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. There will be three Chicago Public Schools chaperones provided: Jennifer Eggener, (teacher) Carrie Virene, (teacher) and Julia Otter (teacher) for the 12 students participating in the trip.

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

**AUTHORIZATION:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board at this time. Trip will be paid by student fundraising.

**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.

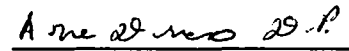
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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:**

  
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
**Chief Education Officer**

**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**John Maiorca**  
**Chief Financial Officer**



**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
**General Counsel**