

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FIELD STUDIES TRIP TO THE INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL STUDIES, ELEUTHERA BAHAMAS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of nine (9) Whitney M. Young Magnet High School students on a field trip to the Institute for Ecological Field Studies in Eleuthera, Bahamas from April 2, 2007 through April 7, 2007

USER: Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
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Dr. Joyce D. Kenner, Principal contact: Emily Benz, Teacher and Science Department Chair

PROGRAM: Whitney Young will be sending nine students to participate in a weeklong field studies program at the Institute for Ecological Field Studies on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. Students will study ecology, biodiversity and marine science along the coral reef and coastal regions of the island.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity to study the principles of ecology and environmental science in a practical, hands-on experience. Students will gain skills in qualitative observation, an understanding of the reef ecosystem and an appreciation for one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. They will also have experiences that foster growth in teamwork, cultural diversity and international travel.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made through the Institute for Ecological Field Studies (Wild Studies) and are included in the cost of the trip.

COST: The per student cost is \$1900.00 which includes air transportation, ground transportation, all meals, lodging, study materials, guide services, equipment rental, instruction, fees and taxes. The costs will be paid by the participants.

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 the students will be Emily Benz (Teacher), Jeff Wright (Principal, King College Prep High School), and Paul Nelson (Parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

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 Whitney M. Young Magnet High School on November 15, 2006.

FINANCIAL: No financial 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.

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.

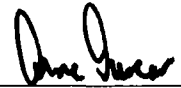
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

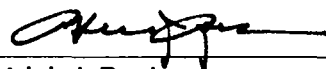
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel