

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF OSCAR MAYER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of fifty-eight (58) Oscar Mayer Elementary School students in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 29, 2007 through June 2, 2007.

**USER:** Oscar Mayer Elementary School  
2250 North Clifton Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614  
(773) 534-5535  
Katherine B. Konieczny, Principal

**PROGRAM:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. from May 29, 2007 through June 2, 2007.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:**

- Gaze upon Thomas Jefferson's architecture at the Jefferson Memorial
- Contemplate the Gettysburg Address at the Lincoln Memorial
- Reflect upon the more than 58,000 names inscribed upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Ponder the impact of the Korean War at the new Korean War Memorial
- Consider the importance of Franklin Delano Roosevelt at his new memorial
- Reflect upon the sacrifice of our Armed Forces at the Iwo Jima Memorial
- View the renowned Hope Diamond
- Travel back with Francis Scott Key as you view the "Star Spangled Banner"
- Marvel at the Wright Brother's 1903 Flyer, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, John Glenn's spacecraft Friendship 7
- Touch an actual moon rock
- Reflect upon the legacy of John F. Kennedy at his grave site
- Witness the ritual of the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns
- Understand America's contribution to world peace as you tour the grounds
- See the actual theatre box in which Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865
- Visit the house across the street where he died the next day and where Secretary of War Edwin Stanton uttered the famous words "Now he belongs to the ages"
- Visit the U.S. Capitol Building the seat of the Legislative branch of our government
- Observe Congress in action
- Discuss important issues with your Congressman or Senator
- Visit the seat of the Judicial branch of our government
- Listen to a lecture in the actual chambers of the court
- Read the actual signatures of the original documents of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Peer into life as the father of our country, George Washington, knew it
- Browse around the estate which has preserved everyday life as it appeared 200 years ago

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Academic Travel Services, Ken Wooten, P.O. Box 547, Hendersonville, NC 28793, 1-800-523-4293.

**COST:** The per person cost is \$489.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance. The costs will be paid by individuals attending the trip.

**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: Mary Carol Berchman (Teacher), Tianna Davis (Teacher), Dan Schiessi (Teacher), Patricia Johnson (Teacher), Linda Rule (Teacher at Kohn), Maria Esparza (Parent Volunteer), Reneda Bryant (Parent Volunteer), Sharon Chmara (Parent Volunteer), Kevin Patterson (Parent Volunteer), Gina Thompson (Parent Volunteer), Cheri Jones (Parent Volunteer) and Pamela Bove (Community Member).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Oscar Mayer Elementary 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 Oscar Mayer School on November 15, 2006.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to 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.

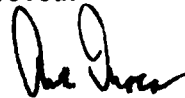
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer


**Approved:**




**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**

  
**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel