

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL TEACHERS ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL  
TOUR TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND WINDSOR, CANADA**

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

Approve the participation of thirty-six (36) National Teachers Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in an educational tour to Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Canada from May 17, 2007 through May 18, 2007.

**USER:** National Teachers Academy  
55 West Cermak Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60616  
(773) 534-9970  
Ms. Amy Rome, Principal

**PROGRAM:** National Teachers Academy will send 36 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Canada to participate in an investigation of African American/Underground Railroad history by visiting museums and historic sites.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students at National Teachers Academy benefit from curriculum which emphasizes African American history as well as contemporary African American culture. During this field extension of their academic program, students will have the opportunity to explore their identity and participate in historical museum investigations. The students and chaperones will follow a prescribed itinerary of museums and significant sites along the Underground Railroad.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Groups Exclusively, Inc., 10540 South Western Avenue, Suite 308, Chicago, Illinois 60643, (773) 233-3822.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$200.00 which includes transportation, meals, and hotel, and insurance, admissions to museums/attractions. The costs will be paid by individual students, fund raising and grants. Scholarships have been provided by fundraising 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: Ms. Amy Rome (Principal), Ms. Valerie Battiest (Teacher), Ms. Donna Thigpen (Teacher), Ms. Latoyia Jones (Teacher), Mr. Michael Lamb (Teacher) and Mr. Thomas Salvatore (Teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at National Teachers Academy.

**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.

**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:**

  
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

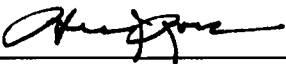
**Noted:**

  
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**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel

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