

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

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

Approve the participation of up to two-hundred (200) Northwest Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in an educational tour to Springfield, Illinois on April 27, 2007.

**USER:** Northwest Middle School  
5252 West Palmer Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60639  
(773) 534-3250  
Marilyn Strojny, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Two-hundred seventh grade students will be taken to Springfield, Illinois to visit our state's capital and view historical monuments.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The students will be given the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of our state's capital and the inner workings of our state government. New Salem provides a unique opportunity to experience history first hand. The other venues to be visited provide great insight and information on President Lincoln, Illinois' native son. The students will have a first hand experience with our state of Illinois history.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Danny Lewandowski, Account Executive for Hemisphere Educational Travel, (847) 541-7575.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$ 66.00 which includes transportation, meals, admissions to attractions, health, accident, and trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid by students.

**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: Stephen Caropreso (Assistant Principal), Patricia Martinez (Counselor), Edwin Ruiz (Teacher), Heidi Nardini (Teacher), Jodi Bergman (Teacher), Michael Corrigan (Teacher), Melanie Miller (Teacher), Kim Marinac (Teacher), Angela Smith (Teacher), Stephanie Roth (Teacher), Dorne Eastwood (Teacher), Joseph Pietro (Teacher), Diana McCluskey (Teacher), Katherine Ratay (Teacher), Allan Ross (Teacher), Michael Sanchez (Education Support Personnel), Nancy Ruelas (Education Support Personnel), Ramona Serna (Parent Volunteer), Yolanda Salas (Parent Volunteer) and Rosie Vazquez (Parent Volunteer).

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

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

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

**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 Malorca**  
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