

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF PORTAGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN  
EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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

Approve the participation of (70) Portage Park Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 21, 2007 through May 25, 2007.

**USER:** Portage Park Elementary School  
5330 West Berteau Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60641  
(773) 534-3576  
Mark Berman, Principal

**PROGRAM:** An educational five-day American History tour of Washington, D.C.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** This tour is intended to develop students' understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities and rights of citizenship in a democracy; connect students to the history of their country; provide students with a first-hand experience about the workings of the three branches of government in a democracy; further their awareness of themselves and the possibilities of their own influence and contribution to society; motivate students to further their education and develop their talents to better serve themselves, their families, community, and country; give students a real life opportunity to develop skills individually and in a group; and to enhance their study of American History and the U.S. Constitution.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Educational Tours Inc., 111 Pfingsten Road, Deerfield, Illinois 60015 (847) 509-0088.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$ 684.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health, accident and trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid by the students through fund raising.

**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: Marlene Tatkin (Teacher), William Weiss (Teacher), Dawn Aguilar (Teacher), Darlene Kurcz (Teacher), Robert Jackson (Parent Volunteer), Nidia Casiano (Parent Volunteer) and Linda Weidner (Parent Volunteer).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Portage Park 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 Portage Park Elementary School on July 12, 2006.

**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:**



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

**Noted:**



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

**Approved:**



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

**Approved as to legal form:**



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