

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARK T. SKINNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN 8TH GRADE EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of forty (40) Mark T. Skinner Elementary School students in an educational tour of Washington, D.C. from May 29, 2007 through June 2, 2007.

USER: Mark T. Skinner School
1443 North Ogden Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60610
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Deborah M. Clark, Principal

PROGRAM: As a culmination of the Eighth grader's yearlong unit on American History and Government, the Skinner Eighth Grade class takes an annual trip to our nation's capitol as a hand-on learning experience and educational field trip. Along with visiting the many historic places and national landmarks that the class has studied, it is also a great way to end the school year together as a class before moving on to a high school setting.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: To learn more closely about our nation's capitol, our government, national landmarks, and the historical figures that have contributed to our nation's past, present, and, ultimately, our nation's future.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Hemisphere Educational Travel Company. Our representative is Jennifer Rosenbaum. The company is located at 694 Milwaukee Avenue, Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070. The phone number is (847) 541-7575.

COST: The per person cost is \$625.00 which includes transportation, meals, taxes, tips, hotel costs, complete health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, a professional licensed tour guide, admission to Mount Vernon Estate, and admission to the National Cathedral (all other sites will not have entry fees), and the tickets for the Spirit of Washington Dinner Dance. The costs will be paid by monies from fund raising and from the parents' contributions.

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: Deborah M. Clark, (Principal), Elizabeth Nessner Urbut (Teacher), Nancy Caveretta (Teacher) and Conor FitzSimmons (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Mark T. Skinner 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 Skinner School on February 27, 2007.

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. Rodks
General Counsel