

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of forty-one (41) Eli Whitney Elementary School students in an educational tour to New York City, New York from May 21, 2007 through May 23, 2007.

USER: Eli Whitney School
2815 South Komensky Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 534-1560
Miguel Velazquez, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with the Curriculum Unit designed around the book by the name of Chasing Vermeer. Visiting New York City will provide the eighth grade students with an overview of some of the major sites, different culture, museums, and the understanding of the arts. Furthermore, this is the eighth grade trip.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour activities are in keep with the goals of the eighth grade curriculum. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance students' awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom in the areas of Mathematics, Language Arts, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. A detailed itinerary has been established to ensure that students will gain an invaluable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and promote interest for future classroom activities.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Travel Services Inc., 5158 West 127th Street, Alsip Illinois 60803, (708) 489-0796.

COST: The cost per student is \$675.00 which includes transportation, accommodations, all meals, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death. The costs will be paid by each student and from fund raising. Chaperones costs are free.

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: Miguel A. Velazquez (Principal), Loida Acevedo (Teacher), Jaqueline Goldman (Teacher), Norma Sanchez (Teacher Aide) and Zaida Velazquez (Pensioned Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Eli Whitney 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 Baord.

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:



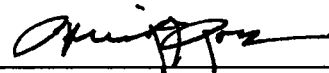
John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel