

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JOSE CLEMENTE OROZCO COMMUNITY ACADEMY IN
A CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fifteen (15) José Clemente Orozco Community Academy School students in a cultural immersion program to Chihuahua, Mexico from June 18, 2007 through July 2, 2007.

USER: José Clemente Orozco Community Academy
1940 West 18th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608
(773) 534-7215
Ms. Coralia Barraza, Principal

PROGRAM: This trip is part of a cultural exchange program to expand student horizons and learn how to build bridges and celebrate the diversity of North and Central American cultures.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Sixteen José Clemente Orozco students from grades 6th - 8th grade and six staff members will travel to Chihuahua, Mexico from June 18, 2007 through July 2, 2007 to study the history of the Mexican Revolution, to be immersed in the language and culture of Northern Mexico and to learn about the three diverse cultures that live in Chihuahua (the Mexican, the Mennonite, and the Tarahumara).

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Alex Orozco, travel advisor for our school. He is also Chairman of the Mexican American Planning Association (MAPA) and an urban Planner by profession.

COST: The per person cost is \$1,200 which includes transportation, meals, hotel and activities. All costs will be paid by trip participants.

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: Coralia Barraza (Principal, Orozco Community Academy), Anna Correa (Principal, Inter-American Magnet), Francisca Casas (Assistant Principal), Reyna Jimenez (Accounts Manager), Teresa Fraga (ESP, Student Advocate), Alicia Song (Teacher), Aadraya Dasilva (Teacher), Hector Castro (Teacher) and Veronica Brand (Parent Volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at José Clemente Orozco Community Academy.

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 José Clemente Orozco Community Academy on March 16, 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:

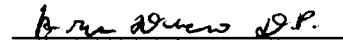


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

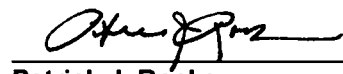
Noted:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel