

**RATIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL IN A COLLEGE  
TOUR, AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL CULTURAL IMMERSION  
PROGRAM, TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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

Ratify the participation of twenty (20) Roberto Clemente High School students that attended an African American heritage and historical cultural immersion program on April 11, 2007 through April 15, 2007.

**USER:** Roberto Clemente High School  
1147 North Western Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60622  
(773) 534-4000  
Mr. Leonard Kenebrew, Acting Principal

**PROGRAM:** The African American Heritage Club at Roberto Clemente High School sent students to Historical Black Colleges & Universities and historical sites in the Atlanta, Georgia area from April 11, 2007 through April 15, 2007.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** It is strongly believed that students learn and embrace the historical aspects of the African American heritage and culture best when they are immersed in the area and atmosphere where the actual events took place. Students traveled to the Atlanta, Georgia area and had the opportunity to fully indulge in learning the historical African American heritage and culture, but also they personally visited the historical sites and places where monumental events took place. This was a great opportunity for students to personally and physically see everything that they have learned in school. The students verbally, audibly, visually and kinesthetically learned through experience more about the African American heritage and historical culture. Overall, the students had an opportunity to study and experience this rich history in a unique way; they traveled to new places and received a greater insight on not just African American History, but American History as a whole. During this voyage, the students had the opportunity to explore cultural and educational institutions as well as historical sites as they experienced and explored the plight of the African American people in this country. The students and their teachers/faculty followed a prescribed itinerary of field trips by Exodus Tours to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program were made by Exodus Tours Tour Consultant.

**COST:** The per pupil cost was \$550.00 which included transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, hotel accommodations, and a full-time Tour Guide & Tour Director. Funds for the excursion were provided by grants and fund-raising activities so that no student was excluded for financial reasons.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students was 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 were Ms. Kerry Gardner (Teacher & Group Leader), Ms. Gloria Hampton (Teacher) and Ms. Janene Humphrey (Teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Roberto Clemente High School.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** Approved.

**COST:** No cost to the Board at this time.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledges 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.

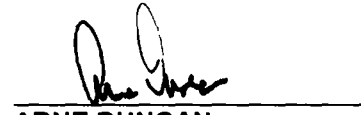
Conflicts: The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of terms in office.

Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to approbation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).


**Approved for Consideration:**

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BARBARA EASON-WATKINS  
Chief Education Officer

  
ARNE DUNCAN  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
JOHN MAIORCA  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
PATRICK J. ROCKS  
General Counsel