

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED CHICAGO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN A CHINESE SUMMER LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTITUTE IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of (20) Chicago public high school students in a Chinese Summer Language and Culture Institute (CSLCI) in Shanghai, China from July 5-August 17 2007.

USER: Office of Language and Cultural Education
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PROGRAM: To assist CPS high school students enrolled in the Chinese World Language Program in further developing into global citizens, the Office of Language and Cultural Education, through a federal grant, is sponsoring a Chinese Summer Language and Culture Institute in Shanghai China. Classes will be held at East China Normal University. Students will be participate in daily language classes and weekly cultural activities designed to enhance Mandarin Chinese language skills.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The Office of Language and Cultural Education (OLCE) believes that all students should have the opportunity to experience and develop an appreciation for languages and cultures beyond their own. The Chinese Summer Language and Culture Institute will enable student participants to strengthen their Mandarin Chinese language skills as well as experience the culture and heritage of the people of China. The skills and knowledge gained through the CSLCI, CPS students will strengthen their Mandarin Chinese language proficiency and also be able to provide presentations to their respective school communities on the importance of language learning and cultural immersion.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made through Community Travel Services, 4892 W. Armitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60639.

COST: The per pupil cost of this trip is \$4,650. Trip costs include airfare, visas, room and board, land transportation, tuition, and activity fees. Costs will be covered through grants from the United States Department of State and the Motorola Foundation.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel") and includes the appropriate ratio of students to adults. CPS teachers who will be traveling with the students: 1) Jane Lu, Coordinator Office of Language and Cultural Education, 2) Tao Luo, Chinese Teacher, Morgan Park High School, 3) Rosita Chan, Chinese Teacher, Oriole Park Elementary School, 4) Ming Yeh, Chinese Teacher, McCormick Elementary School, 5) Griselda E. Flores, Area 1 Instructional Coordinator.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at the Office of Language and Cultural Education and at the corresponding students' high schools.

AUTHORIZATION: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Language and Cultural Education
Fiscal Year: 2007
Budget Classification: 11510-324-57940-111022-552307 Source of Funds: Federal Funds
Requisition Number: NA

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.

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

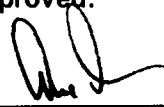
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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

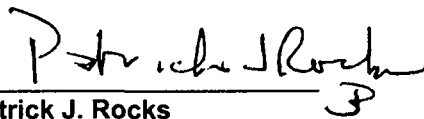
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel