

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING
FOR SPRING BREAK COLLEGE TOURS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize payments for expenses related to transportation and lodging to the vendors identified below for approximately 400 CPS students to participate in college tours which will be held at various college campuses across the country from April 6-10, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate for all vendors. All trips will comply with the Board's Policy on Student Travel (Board Report 07-0725-PO1). The vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5.41. Information pertinent to this Program is stated below:

- VENDORS:**
1. Travel Evolution
6206 West 128th Place
Palos Heights, Illinois 60463
Phone: 708-274-3825
Contact Person: Jan Swies
Vendor Number: 15645
 2. The Free Enterprise System
17727 Volbrecht Road
Lansing, Illinois 60438
Phone: 773-474-7474
Contact Person: Larry Stough
Vendor Number: 68863

USER: Office of High Schools and High School Programs
125 South Clark Street, 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Phone: 773-553-2106
Contact Person: David G. Gilligan

PROGRAM: CPS-sponsored campus tours provide students opportunities to visit colleges and universities locally and across the country. Campus visits are an important part of the college selection process. Touring campuses helps students distinguish between various colleges and envision themselves as students on a particular campus. Visiting colleges also provides prospective students with the chance to meet current students, faculty, admissions and financial aid representatives, participate in a college class, and see residence and dining halls.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Participants will get a firsthand look at colleges and universities allowing them to determine the type of campus that is best for them (small college, urban or metropolitan setting, rural setting, private/public university, etc.), meet with admissions and financial aid representatives, and participate in student led tours, allowing them to get a real world perspective of campus life and experiences from a student's point of view. Also, participants will have the opportunity to experience several aspects of college life such as dormitories, cafeteria, classrooms, libraries, etc.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Lodging arrangements for this program are being made by Travel Evolution; transportation is being provided by Royal American Charter Lines.

COST: The cost per person is approximately \$255 for transportation and \$250 for lodging. The costs will be paid by the Department of College and Career Preparation.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in any required travel and lodging agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any such agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, this contract is exempt from M/WBE review.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High Schools and High School Programs: \$250,000

Fiscal Year: 2009

Budget Classification: 13727-124-54205-212023-904003 – \$60,000

13722-336-54205-212023-543517 – \$80,000

13727-324-54210-221211-400069 – \$20,000

Paid to vendors directly from Children's First Fund – \$90,000

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.

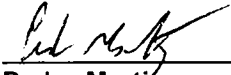
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Opal L. Walls
Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:



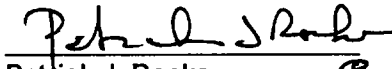
Pedro Martínez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Ron Huberman
Chief Education Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel