

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF A. G. BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of seventy (70) Bell Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from June 3, 2003, through June 5, 2003 and authorize travel expenses related to the program, if any.

**USER:** A. G. Bell Elementary School  
3730 N. Oakley  
Chicago, Illinois  
(773) 534-5150  
Mr. Robert A. Guercio

**PROGRAM:** A 3-day educational tour of Washington, D.C.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:**

- Provide students with a better understanding of, and exposure to our nation's capital.
- Have a basis to compare and contrast the role and function of our government with other political systems.
- Provide students first-hand experience with the workings of the three branches of government.
- To reinforce curriculum study of U.S. History and government and to reinforce ongoing understanding of three diverse departments of Bell School (neighborhood, Deaf, and Gifted).
- To visit Galaudet University, the only liberal arts college for the deaf in the world.
- To bring to life the students' understanding of the U.S. constitution.
- To further students' awareness of themselves and their potential influence and contribution to society.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Travel Services Inc., vendor #26855.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$600.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance, admission fees, and chaperones. The cost will be paid by the students, and money raised through fund-raising activities so that no student will be excluded for financial reasons. School chaperones are free for each eight students attending.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 02-0828-PO04 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be Peggy Maloblocki (AP), Suzi Gantz (teacher), Suzanne Saposnik (teacher), Maryan Fine (teacher), Mary Fran Kuenster (teacher), Kambri Hauser (teacher), Officer Rios (school security), Mr. Rodriguez (parent), Mrs. Perez (parent), Mr. Gonzalez (parent), Mrs. Becker (parent), Mr. Kildow (parent), and Mr. Zielinski (parent).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at A. G. Bell Elementary School.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This activity was approved by the A. G. Bell Elementary School on September 14, 2002.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

**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** – 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 their terms of office.

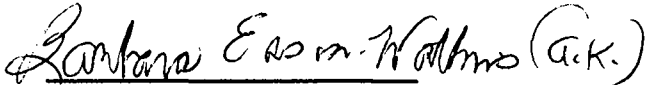
**Indebtedness** – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

**Ethics** – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), 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:**

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**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

  
**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**

  
**PEGGY A. DAVIS**  
Chief of Staff

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
**ROBERT R. HALL, JR.**  
Acting General Counsel