

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF GALLERY 37 ARTS CENTER  
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO VENICE, FLORENCE AND ROME, ITALY AND  
AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of twenty (20) Gallery 37 Arts Center students in an educational tour to Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy from March 17 – 25, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Gallery 37 Arts Center  
66 East Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
(312) 742-1460  
Millicent C. ReChord, Principal

**PROGRAM:** In coordination with its arts outreach program, Gallery 37/Chicago Public Schools Advanced Arts Education Program will send twenty students who reflect the district's racial and ethnic composition to Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy. All tour participants will follow the prescribed attached itinerary.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** This tour will emphasize a curriculum of art history and studio art practice. Field extension of classroom studies will include historical sites and immersion in Renaissance and baroque art history as well as contemporary Italian art and culture. Students will visit important cultural sites in each city. These will include Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescos, the Roman Coliseum, the Pantheon and important collections of paintings and sculptures at the Uffizi Gallery and the Academia Gallery as well as architectural treasures in Venice, Florence and Rome. A day trip to Assisi to view Giotto's frescos is part of the itinerary.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** E.F. Educational Tours, One Education Center, Cambridge, Ma 02141, 1-800-637-8222, made arrangements for this tour.

**COST:** The cost per person is \$1,490.00. Tour cost includes air and land transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, health and accidental insurance, trip cancellation and protection against bodily injury or death.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-P001 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. Traveling with the students are Miriam Socoloff (teacher), Susan Dardar (teacher), Deana Stezalski (resident artist from the School of the Art Institute), and Michael Presser (volunteer).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Gallery 37/Chicago Public Schools Advanced Arts Education Program at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

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, 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 July 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:

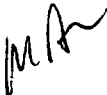
  
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**BARBARA EASON-WATKINS**  
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

  
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**ARNE DUNCAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:

  
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**JOHN MAIORCA**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 

  
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**RUTH MOSCOVITCH**  
General Counsel