

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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of twenty-four (24) Rubén Salazar Elementary school students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from June 3-5, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Rubén Salazar Bilingual Education Center
160 W. Wendell
Chicago, Ill 60610
(773) 534-8310
User: Martha Miranda, Principal

PROGRAM: Eighth grade students will visit major sites in Washington D.C. such as the Capitol, Supreme Court, History Museums, and Arlington National Cemetery to deepen social studies curricula.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will increase awareness of United States (U.S.) history and political decision-making. Students will also appreciate sacrifices made by U.S. military at Arlington Cemetery. This trip will function as the eighth grade graduation trip at the end of the year.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Educational Tours Inc. An investigation of travel rates indicated Educational Tours provides the most economical travel services. Students will be housed at the following hotel: Hyatt Capital Hill (heart of DC/city center location).

COST: The cost per student is \$779.00. Twenty-four (24) students will be attending at a total cost of \$18,696. Tour cost includes transportation, meals, accommodation, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance. Parent chaperone costs are not included in the cost.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with the students will be Mr. Adrianzen (Teacher), Mr. Weber (Teacher), and Ms. Jimenez (Curriculum Coordinator).

PARENTAL CONSENT: On file at Rubén Salazar for each child participating in the tour are written parental consent and release forms from the school. Parent/Guardians of eighth grade students were surveyed via letter and an open parent meeting, which took place on December 8, 2004 at Rubén Salazar. Parents are in support of this trip and its destination.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

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.

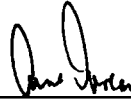
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



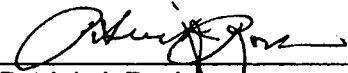
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel