

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ELI WHITNEY 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) Eli Whitney Elementary students in an educational tour to Washington D.C. from May 16-18, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Eli Whitney Elementary School
2815 S. Komensky Ave.
Chicago IL. 60623
(773) 534-1560
User: Miguel A. Velazquez, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with the Social Studies curricula, visiting Washington D.C. will provide the eighth grade students with an overview of some of the major sites, different memorials, museums, and the understanding to the laws and how our government works. Furthermore, this is the eighth grade trip.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The tour activities are in keep with the goals of the eighth grade curriculum. In addition, the objective of this tour is to enhance students' awareness of knowledge gained in the classroom in the areas of United States History and Politics. A detailed itinerary has been established to ensure that students will gain an invaluable experience, which will solidify prior knowledge and promote interest for future classroom activities.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Educational Tours, Inc is making arrangements for this program. An investigation of travel rates indicated Educational Tours provides the most economical travel services. Students will be housed at the following hotel: Holiday Inn College Park.

COST: The cost per student is \$650; about 24 students will be attending at a total cost of \$15,600.00. Tour cost includes transportation, accommodation, all meals, trip cancellation, and protection against bodily injury or death. 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-P001 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with the students will be Mr. Raul Garcia (Assistant Principal), Elaine Snoble (Teacher), and Silvia Santos (School Assistant).

Parental Consent: On File at Eli Whitney for each child participating in the tour is written parental consent and liability release forms. Parents/Guardians of eighth grade students were surveyed via letter and an open Parent Meeting, which took place on January 27, 2005.

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.

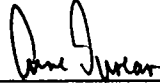
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

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