

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN A FIELD STUDIES TRIP TO THE INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL FIELD STUDIES IN COSTA RICA**

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

Approve the participation of eleven (11) Whitney M. Young Magnet High School students on a field trip studies to the Institute for Ecological Field Studies in Costa Rica from April 7 through April 15, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Whitney M. Young Magnet High School  
211 S. Laflin St.  
Chicago, IL 60607  
(773) 534-7500  
Dr. Joyce D. Kenner, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Whitney Young will be sending eleven students to participate in a weeklong field studies Program at the Institute for Ecological Field Studies on the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica. Students will study ecology, biodiversity and conservation in the rainforest.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity to study the principals of ecology and environmental science in a practical and hands-on environment. Students will gain skills in a qualitative observation, an understanding of the rainforest ecosystem and an appreciation for one of the most biodiversity regions of our world. They will also have experiences that will foster growth in the areas of teamwork, cultural diversity and international travel.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** All travel arrangements are made through the Institute for Ecological Field Studies and are included in the total cost of the trip.

**COST:** The cost per student is \$1995.00 which includes air transportation, lodging, meals, study materials, all taxes. Exit fees and gratuities.

**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 Emily Benz (Teacher), Jeff Wright (Assistant Principal), and Barbara Berchiolli (Parent).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This trip was approved by the LSC for Whitney M. Young High School on November 16, 2005.

**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

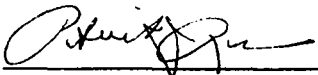
Approved:

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel