

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF PORTAGE PARK 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) Portage Park Elementary School students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. and from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Portage Park Elementary School  
5330 West Berteau Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60641  
773-534-3576  
Mark Berman, Principal and Mrs. Malene Tatkin, Teacher

**PROGRAM:** An educational five day American History tour of Washington, D.C.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** This tour is intended to develop students' understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities and rights of citizenship in a democracy; connect students to the history of their country; provide pupils with a first-hand experience about the workings of the three branches of government in a democracy; further pupils awareness of themselves and the possibilities of their own influence and contribution to society; motivate pupils to further their education and develop their talents to better serve themselves, their families, community, and country; give pupils a real life opportunity to develop skills individually and in a group; and enhance pupils study of American History and the U.S. Constitution.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Educational Tours.

**COST:** The cost per pupil is \$648.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, admission fees and chaperones. The costs will be paid by the students.

**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 Marlene Tatkin (teacher), Patricia Ryan (teacher), William Weiss (teacher), Darlene Kurez (teacher), Carol Schultz (parent), Maria Pilca (parent), and Tina Mansfield Hood (parent).

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

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This action was approved by the LSC for Portage Park Elementary School on July 20, 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.

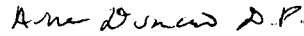
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**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