

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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of four (4) Gallery 37 Arts Center students in an educational tour to Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy from June 13th – 21st, 2006.

USER: Gallery 37 Arts Center
66 East Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 742-1460
Carolyn Levystein, Principal

PROGRAM: In coordination with its arts outreach program, Gallery 37/Chicago Public Schools Advanced Arts Education Program will send four students who reflect the district's racial and ethnic composition to Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy. All tour participants will follow the prescribed 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. The cost of the trip will be paid by the families of the students.

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), Jiwon Chun (teacher).

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this board report.

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.


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