

**RATIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF MORSE TECH SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL OUTING
TO MEDIEVAL TIMES
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the participation of four-hundred (400) Morse Tech students in an educational outing to Medieval Times on May 30, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: Morse Tech School
620 North Sawyer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60624
773-534-6680
Leon Hudnall, Principal

PROGRAM: This trip was planned as a cumulating event for the students of Morse Tech School, and also as a reward for past good attendance and citizenship.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Subsequent to the approved closing of Morse Tech School as authorized by Board report 06-0222-EX11, the school's administration planned a culminating activity for the entire student body. Since the school will not operate after the 2005-06 school year and the students now in grades Kindergarten through seven will be reassigned to attend Morton Career Academy or Ryerson and Lafayette Elementary Schools for the 2006-07 school year, this educational outing would be the final activity of the student body as a whole with the intent of reinforcing the concept of the Morse "family."

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by A and M Bus Company.

COST: The total cost of the tour is \$16,757.00, which includes transportation, meals, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid from the proceeds of a grant from the State of Illinois.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students was provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. A list of the names of the chaperones is on file at Morse Tech School and in the Office of Instruction and School Management.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Morse Tech School.

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: Charge to: 4900-281-777-8650-5420 (\$15,257.00) for Admissions and 4900-281-777-8650-5510 (\$1,500.00) for Transportation.

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

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel