

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND  
SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY IN AN EDUCATIONAL CONNEXTIONS GHANA PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

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

Approve the participation of ten (10) South Shore School of Entrepreneurship and School of Technology students in an educational Connexions-Ghana Program from July 27, 2006 to August 4, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

**USER:** School of Entrepreneurship  
7627 So. Constance Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
773-535-6190  
Alphonso Samuel and Dr. Doreen Barrett

**PROGRAM:** Connexions International utilizes African culturally centered processes to immerse the participants in traditional African value systems as a way to enhance the participants' self-perception, and to support them in choosing values appropriate for them connected to their family, community and cultural values. It is our belief that an enhanced self-perception and understanding of values would empower the youth, many of whom live in high risk environments, to successfully overcome antisocial influences. In this regard, Connexions International works with the youth to develop their values as a part of Connexions' core character building principles.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Connexions Internationals character building components include:

Cultural awareness-The development of an awareness of cultural values and assets and the ability to respect the cultural values and assets of others cross culturally;

Respect-Developing and showing respect of self via the honoring of our own physical, mental and social boundaries, and the offering of this same respect to others within and outside of our communities;

Integrity-Becoming accountable to live based on our agreements, to honor commitments, to understand ethical behavior and how to support others to become accountable for their actions.

Compassion-To operate with compassion and caring to peers, family and community, thinking of others as well as ourselves.

Civic engagement-To engage in service, justice, relationship building, and participatory citizenry in the development of local, national and international community building.

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

**COST:** The cost per person is \$ 2,500.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by individual students, fundraising and Challenge Grant.

**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 Doreen E. Barrett (Assistant Principal) and Alphonso Samuel (Assistant Dean of Students), and Jean Newkirk (Teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at School of Entrepreneurship and School of Technology.

**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:** The money from this tour will come from budget line FY06 7380-210-000-7280-5500 - \$8,000.00. The remaining \$17,000 paid to AARCO travel from the Connexions Group.

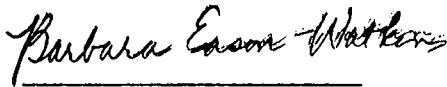
**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

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.

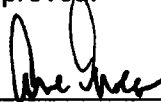
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**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