

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALBERT RABY HIGH SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AT THE LUCY FLOWER CAMPUS IN SANKOFA YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM THROUGH AFRICA CONNECTIONS IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GHANA, WEST AFRICA

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of ten (10) Albert Raby High School for Community and Environmental at the Lucy Flower Campus in Sankofa Youth Enrichment Program through Africa Connections from August 15-19, 2006 in an educational tour to Ghana, West Africa.

USER: Al Raby High School
3545 West Fulton Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60624
773-534-6755
Janice Jackson, Principal

PROGRAM: The Sankofa Youth Enrichment Program aims at encouraging the student to feel that he/she is part of a long continuum that is African-American history-therefore each person must take responsibility for his/her actions and accept that he/her choices will impact this continuum.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The Sankofa Youth Enrichment Program is uniquely designed opportunity for youth between the ages of 13 and 18 to fully engage their rich cultural legacy through a host of empowering educational experiences. Students are challenged to explore African history and culture by attending a host of workshops, field trips as well as by completing required readings essays and a culminating trip to Accra, Ghana.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by African Connections, n.f.p., 618 Biltmore Drive, Bartlett, Illinois 60103.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$4,000.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by grants from the Chicago High School Redesign Initiative and African Connections.

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 Stacey Wright (teacher), Dewitt Anthony Love (teacher), and Mildred Wiley (volunteer).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at the Al Raby High 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: 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:



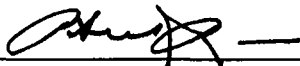
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel