

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF DARWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO MILAN, ITALY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twelve (12) Darwin Elementary students in a foreign language and cultural immersion program to Milan, Italy, from March 16th, 2007 through March 26th, 2007.

USER: Darwin Elementary School
3116 W. Belden
Chicago, Illinois 60647
(773) 534-4110
Mrs. M. Graciela Shelley, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Language Academy Program, Darwin Elementary school will send 12 students who reflect the school's racial/ethnic population to Milan, Italy from March 16th, 2007 through March 26th, 2007. Students are going to complete ISAT testing prior to March 16th, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the World Language Program follow a curriculum which focuses on oral fluency in foreign language and development awareness of cultural differences. During this trip students will have the opportunity to visit and explore several cultural and historical sites as they experience language immersion, as well as Italian life and culture. The students and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of school visits and field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Eduardo M. La Ruffa, General Manager, Vacation Hotline, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (773) 880-0030.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$ 1,400 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance and trip cancellation insurance. Host families will provide meals and lodging during the home stays. No student will be excluded for financial reasons. Fund-raising activities will be used to provide scholarships to all the students participating in the trip.

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 students will be Ms. Maria Paz Martinez (teacher), Ms. Teresita Bernal (teacher) and Ms. Goodenow (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Darwin Elementary school.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The activity was approved by the Local School Council for Darwin Elementary school on October 27, 2006.

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

Noted:

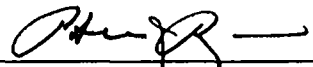

John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel