## APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF DUNBAR VOCATIONAL CAREER ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO FRANCE

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of fifteen (15) Dunbar Vocational Career Academy students in an educational tour to France from May 21, 2007 to May 28, 2007.

**USER:** Dunbar Vocational Career Academy

3000 South King Drive Chicago, IL. 60616 (773) 534-9000

Dr. Barbara Hall, Principal and George Skertich, tour leader and teacher

**PROGRAM:** Students hear, see and speak and are surrounded by French language and culture. Destinations include sites such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre Museum that are referred to and seen in the media, fashio and cuisine venues. Students will eat typical food that Parisians have for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity of a total immersion experience to study French language, cuisine and culture. This trip enhances our national and local standards of communication, culture and connections for studying another language and culture more fully to "give one the powerful key to successful communication: knowing how, when and why to say what to whom."

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Kristen Hoag Billingsley, Student Program Director, CETA Tours, N7753 540<sup>th</sup> Street, Menomonie, WI 54751. Phone (715)232-8541. Toll free (1-800-501-0397. Fax (715)232-8512. Email: <a href="mailto:kbillingsley@cetatour.com">kbillingsley@cetatour.com</a>. Website: cetatour.com

**COST:** The per pupil is \$1600 which includes airfare and ground transportation, meals, lodging, tourist site entrance fees and health and accident insurance. The costs will be paid by faculty, donations, fundraising and students.

**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 Dr. Barbara Hall principal, Mr. Skertich, teacher, Ms. Hardy, teacher, Ms. Patton, reading specialist, Mr. Jackson, teacher, Ms. Small-Simmons, teacher, Ms. Alexander, teacher, Ms. Sandoya, teacher, Ms. Lee teacher, Tamarium Davis, teacher, Michael Mitchell, teacher, Magdalena Lilisa, teacher and Myra Alvarez, teacher.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student is on file at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** This action was approved by the LSC for Dunbar Vocational Career Academy on January 23, 2007.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

## **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.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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:** 

Approved:

Barbara Eason-Watkins Chief Education Officer

Arne Duncan

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Within Appropriation:

**J**ohn Maiorca

Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{K}}$ 

Patrick J. Rocks

**General Counsel**