

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL SCHOOL IN THE ORLANDO ALL STAR FESTIVAL COMPETITION AND PERFORMANCE IN DISNEY WORLD, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

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

Approve the participation of forty-three (43) Lowell Elementary School Band and Cultural Chorus students in the Orlando All Star Festival Competition and Performance in Disney World, Orlando, Florida from May 30, 2007 through June 4, 2007.

**USER:** James Russell Lowell School  
3320 West Hirsch Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60651  
(773) 534-4300  
Gladys B. Rivera, Principal

**PROGRAM:** The Orlando All Star Music Festival Competition's major focus is performance. Students learn as a result of performance. The students will be expected to perform at their highest level of musicianship. At the conclusion of the competition, the students will participate in a clinic where the adjudicators will discuss the point of origin of particular music concepts and instruct the performers on how they can achieve more effective results. To be selected to perform at Disney is one of the top achievements that an ensemble can earn. Only the top instrumental and choral ensembles are selected to perform for the world at Disney in Orlando, Florida. Travel, in itself, is an educational experience. Through travel, students experience more about the world they live in. They are exposed to learning organizational skills, the importance of responsibility and developing social skills that will become a part of their adult lives.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The Band and Cultural Chorus will be competing with choral and instrumental ensembles across the United States. They must audition to be selected to perform for the world at Disney World and must perform at their highest level of musicianship. They will receive oral and written critiques by various judges at the clinic following the competition. The clinic will enhance their musicianship.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by:  
Group Travel Consultants, Inc.  
Tom Anthony  
8902 Compton Shore Lane  
Orlando, Florida 32829  
(800) 829-8841  
Fax: (407) 207-4417

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$616.24 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by fundraising.

**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: Gladys B. Rivera (Principal), Carmen Rivera-Kurban (Teacher), Dorothy Gonzalez (Teacher Assistant), Aida Hernandez (parent and Teacher Assistant- Mather H.S.), Miriam Concepcion (Parent Volunteer), Maria Collazo (Parent Volunteer), Cosette Johnson (Parent Volunteer), Evelyn Reyes (Parent Volunteer), Raquel Torres (Parent Volunteer), Olegaria Valladares (Parent Volunteer) and Blanca Barrera (Parent Volunteer).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at James Russell Lowell Elementary 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:**



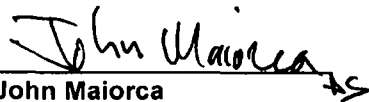
**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**



**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**



**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel