

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM B. OGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IN A CHOICE PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF LYON AND ST. ETIENNE, FRANCE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twelve (12) Ogden Elementary School students in a CHOICE Program educational tour of Lyon and St. Etienne, France from April 30, 2007 through May 7, 2007.

USER: William B. Ogden Elementary School
24 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
Mr. Kenneth M. Staral, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its CHOICE Program, (a school wide initiative supported by the Ogden Local School Council) William B. Ogden will send students to Lyon and St. Etienne, France. The dates of travel are April 30, 2007 through May 7, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the CHOICE Program at Ogden study a curriculum that blends culture, art, architecture, cuisine and the study of foreign language into a comprehensive unit of study. Ogden's CHOICE Program was developed by teachers to extend the students' focus from their immediate surroundings (Chicago's Gold Coast), to that of a world view. CHOICE has evolved into an academic "course" in which students will learn history, language, art, and customs directly relating to Western European culture. The culminating field experience is the study trip abroad. The students and their teachers will follow a pre-determined itinerary of historical sites and cultural interests related to the specific curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by William B. Ogden School.

COST: The cost per person is \$1500.00 which includes air transportation, meals, and lodging. The costs will be paid by the students.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be: Kenneth Staral (Principal), Anthony Vandarakis (Teacher), Edgar Ferrer (Teacher) and Rachel Mota (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be on file at William B. Ogden Elementary.

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


Noted:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

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