

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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

Approve the participation of sixty-nine (69) Bell Elementary school students in an educational tour of Washington, D.C. from May 22, 2007 through May 24, 2007.

**USER:** Bell Elementary School  
3730 North Oakley Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60618  
(773) 534-5150  
Robert A. Guercio, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Three-day educational tour of Washington D.C. from May 22, 2007 through May 24, 2007.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:**

- Better understanding and exposure to our nation's capital
- Develop a basis to compare and contrast the role and function of our government with other political systems
- First-hand experience with the three branches of government
- Reinforce curriculum study of U.S. history and government and reinforce on-going understanding of the three diverse departments of Bell School (Neighborhood, Deaf and Gifted)
- Visit Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts college for the deaf in the world
- To bring to life the students' understanding of the U.S. Constitution.
- To further students awareness of themselves and their potential influence and contribution to society

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Travel Services Inc., 5158 West 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Alsip Illinois 60803, (708) 489-0796.

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$650.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. The costs will be paid by the individual students and fund raising. Chaperones are free for each eight students.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-POO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be: Margaret Maloblocki (Assistant Principal), Sandra Caudill (Assistant Principal), Kathleen Marunich (Regional Gifted Center Coordinator), Jennifer Runions (Teacher), Peter Barash (Teacher), Maryan Fine (Teacher), Susan Kelly (Teacher), Anne O'Leary (Teacher), Jose Rios (Parent Volunteer), Michelle Stevens (Parent Volunteer), Leah Schmid (Parent Volunteer), and Miguel del Valle (Parent Volunteer).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Bell Elementary School.

**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 Bell School on January 11, 2007.

**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).

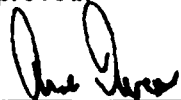
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

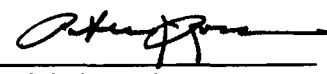
**Noted:**

  
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**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel