## APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CHICAGO ACADEMY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of thirty-nine (39) Chicago Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from June 1-3, 2005 and authorize expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** The Chicago Academy

3400 North Austin Avenue

Chicago, IL 60634 (773) 534-3885

User: Dr. Donald Feinstein, Principal

**PROGRAM:** Social Studies – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum Culmination

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** In conjunction with the Social Studies curricula, a visit to Washington D.C. will provide our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with a visual overview of the major sites, memorials, and museums that they have studied about in the classroom. It will also provide an understanding of our political system with an emphasis on our United States government.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:

Arrangements for this program are being made by:

Educational Tours 111 Pfingsten Road Deerfield Illinois 60015 (847) 509-0088 School Contact: Ann Loomis (847) 509-0088 ext 255

Hotel: Dulles Hilton 13869 Park Center Road Herndon VA 22071 (703) 478-2900 Motor Coach Company: Great Excursions 12410 Waldorf Business SQ Waldorf, MD 20601 (301) 893-0112

**COST:** The per pupil cost is \$649.00, which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. Thirty-nine (39) students and six (6) adults will attend the trip at a total cost of \$29,205.00. The cost of the trip for the students will be paid with student fees. The traveling teachers and staff will pay teacher chaperone fees individually.

**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 the students will be Mary Dorsey, (Counselor), Jung Kim (8th grade Teacher), Brenda Claybon (8<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Kent Steiner (8<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), Ben Value (8<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher), and Dante Matias (Security).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at The Chicago Academy School, 3400 North Austin Avenue and Educational Tours, the tour agency.

**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:** 

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Barbara Eason-Watkins Chief Education Officer

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Approved as to legal form:

Patrick J. Rocks General Counsel

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