## APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARY MAPES DODGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND WINDSOR, CANADA AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of 25 Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary School students in an educational tour to Detroit, Michigan and authorize expenses related to the program.

USER: Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary School 2651 W. Washington Chicago, Illinois 60634 (773) 534-6640 Mr. James Flynn and Linda Langhart

**PROGRAM:** In coordination with Dodge academic program, Dodge will send 25 students and 5 chaperones to the Freedom Village tour from May 9, 2001 through May 10, 2001.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** This educational tour is designed to engross the students in the historical significance of Windsor, Canada and to develop an appreciation of African American heritage by visiting the John Freeman's Walls of Freedom, the Museum of African American History, Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Home of Josiah Henson, and the Motown Museum. The students will be chaperoned by five adults, 3 staff members and 2 parents. This exceeds the students teacher/adult ratio.

This experience will allow Dodge Elementary School students the opportunity to gain invaluable exposure and to motivate students to duplicate the positive experiences of goal setting, academic excellence, and leadership development. Students will participate in informational sessions, mini workshops and recreational activities. Student's self-concept, self pride and cultural awareness will be enhanced through a myriad of sights along the road that led to the freedom of African Americans.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Lomax Leisure Tours.

**COST:** The per-pupil cost is \$199.47 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students was be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 97-1217-PO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including a proper ratio of students to adults. Michael James (teacher), James Flynn (teacher), James Ogden (teacher), Willie Ware (parent) and Wendy Ware (parent).

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

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This activity was approved by the Mary Mapes Elementary School Local School Council on January 17, 2001.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Dodge Elementary School \$5,585.16

Budget Classification: 3050-234-703-6221-5510 Dugan Grant: \$2,000.00

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GENERAL CONDITIONS: Inspector General - Each party to this agreement hereby acknowledges 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 - The 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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:

TE BUCKNEY Chief Éducation Officer

Within appropriation:

**KENNETH C. GOTSCH** 

**Chief Fiscal Officer** 

Approved as to Legal Form:

General Counsel

**PAUL G. VALLAS** 

Chief Executive Officer