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

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of forty (40) Healy Elementary students in an educational tour to Washington, D.C. from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

**USER:** Robert Healy Elementary School

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**PROGRAM:** An educational three day tour of Washington, D.C. from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** The purpose of this field experience is to develop students understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities and rights of citizenship in a democracy; connect students to the history of their country; provide pupils first-hand experience about the working of the three branches of government in a democracy; further pupils' awareness of themselves and the possibilities of their own influence and contribution to society; motivate pupils to further their education and develop their talents to better serve themselves, their families, community, and country; give pupils a "real life" opportunity to develop skills individually and in a group; enhance pupils' study of American History and the U.S. Constitution.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Educational Tours, Inc. – Vendor 15208, 847-374-0088.

**COST:** The cost per pupil is \$683.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, admission fees, chaperones, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by each student.

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 Shelia Wong (teacher), Barbara Sisto (administrator), Phyllis Perry (teacher), and Pauline Swenson (teacher).

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at the Robert Healy 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 Robert Healy Elementary School on June 15, 2005.

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 Erson-Wartins

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