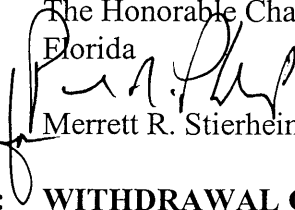


MEMORANDUM

February 11, 2003

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County,  
Florida

FROM:   
Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **WITHDRAWAL OF BOARD AGENDA ITEM B-80 - FIELD TRIP**

Based on the federal government raising the national terrorism level to "orange," indicating a high level of attack, the on-going conflict in the Middle East, and the proximity of Baku, Azerbaijan to Iraq, I am withdrawing Board Agenda Item B-80 from the School Board Agenda of February 12, 2003. Other requests for international travel will be closely monitored.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. George M. Koonce, Jr., Associate Superintendent, School Operations, at 305-995-1433, or Dr. Fred C. Rodgers, Administrative Director, School Operations, at 305-995-7626.

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Attachment

cc: Superintendent's Executive Staff  
Mr. Johnny Brown  
Dr. Fred C. Rodgers

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of February 12, 2003

January 29, 2003

School Operations  
Dr. George M. Koonce, Jr., Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY**

**COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

A request has been received for students to travel out-of-country. All arrangements are in accordance with Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.22, Field Trips. Funding for substitutes needed as a result of classroom teacher participation in this trip will be provided from the individual school's budget.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS</b>
Hialeah Senior High School	Baku, Azerbaijan	03/25/03 through 04/24/03	6

**EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE:** Students from Hialeah Senior High School will attend school in Baku, Azerbaijan, to study the history, culture, diversity, and commonalities among the New Independent State of the former Soviet Union and the United States. During the visit, the students will work on collaborative health education projects.

Thirty one days are required for this trip, 16 of which are school days. Travel will be provided by Delta Airlines.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to Baku, Azerbaijan, for students at Hialeah Senior High School, from March 25, 2003 through April 24, 2003.

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**B-80**  
**WITHDRAWN 2/11/03**