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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

A request has been received for students to travel out of the 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.

SCHOOL	TO	DATE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Miami Beach Senior High School	Prince Edward Island, Canada	04/30/03 through 05/05/03	3

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE: Students in the International Academy of Travel and Tourism at Miami Beach Senior High School will participate in the International Academy of Travel and Tourism Conference in Prince Edward Island, Canada, as members of the National Academy Foundation network.

Six days are required for this trip, four of which are school days. Travel will be provided by Air Canada Airlines.

This item does not appear in the regular agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because the field trip is scheduled prior to the May Board meeting. The school principal and trip sponsor did not receive notification of the teachers' and students' selection to represent Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Academy of Travel and Tourism International Conference until March 4, 2003, which did not allow enough time to secure student passports, travel reservations, and hotel accommodations within the required 30-day deadline for submission of field trip requests.

**GOOD CAUSE
B-76**

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to Prince Edward Island, Canada, for students at Miami Beach Senior High School, from April 30, 2003 through May 5, 2003.

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