

MEMORANDUM

September 4, 2012

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEMS C-72 AND C-74 - REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY

As discussed at the Instructional Excellence and Community Engagement Committee meeting of Wednesday, August 29, 2012, effective with the September 5, 2012, School Board Meeting, all requests for out-of-country field trips will be consolidated into a single Board Item whenever possible. Accordingly, the attached Agenda Items C-72 and C-74 will be withdrawn from the September 5, 2012, Agenda and combined with Agenda Item C-71.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dr. Marcos M. Moran, Assistant Superintendent, District/School Operations, at 305-995-7626.

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Attachments

cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet
Dr. Marcos M. Moran

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of September 5, 2012

August 21, 2012

Valtena G. Brown, Chief Operating Officer
School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

A request has been received for students to travel out-of-country. All arrangements are in accordance with Board Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips and with School Board Policy 8640 – Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips.

SCHOOL	TO	DATE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE
W.R. Thomas Middle School	London, England	3/22/13 to 3/28/13	40	Seventh and eighth grade students in the Cambridge program will have an opportunity to learn how these historic sites reflect the importance of England in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

Seven days are required for this trip, none of which are school days. Travel will be provided by British Airways.

The cost for the students traveling will be \$2,700.00 per student. Seven chaperones will travel with the group at no cost since Educational Tours offers one free chaperone for every six participants.

The students and teachers participating in the trip will be registered with the U.S. Department of State by utilizing their on-line Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which is a free service provided by the United States Government. By registering trip participants with STEP, the Department of State can better assist them in an emergency.

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The students will provide a written report to the principal summarizing the highlights, experiences and educational value of the trip. The reports will also be posted on the school's website for other students to review.

FOR THE BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE OF REVISION: 11/15/11

A three-day field trip to England is being organized for students at W.R. Thomas Middle School. The trip is being organized by the school's community and economic development department. The trip will include a visit to the British Museum, a tour of the Houses of Parliament, and a visit to the London Underground. The trip is being organized to provide students with a unique educational experience and to provide them with an opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the United Kingdom.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS	DATE	TO	SCHOOL
Students will gain a better understanding of the history and culture of the United Kingdom.	75	11/15/11	London, England	W.R. Thomas Middle School

Travel will be provided by...

Seven chaperones will travel with the students...

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to England for the students at W.R. Thomas Middle School.

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