Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of December 10, 2014

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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 the School Board Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips and with the School Board Policy 8640 - Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips.

| School | Destination | Date | Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones | Cost | Airline | Educational Purpose |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Hialeah Gardens Senior High School | Milan, Italy; Monaco; Nice, France; and Barcelona, Spain | 3/18/15 to 3/26/15 Two School Days | 30/5 | \$2,965 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | Students will study the art, architecture and history of various European sites. |
| Hialeah- Miami Lakes Senior High School | Berlin, Dresden, Dachau, Munich, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Lucerne, Switzerland | 3/20/15 to 3/29/15 No School Days | 8/2 | \$3,095 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | Students will visit historic sites and study the impact of European history on American culture. |

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| Homestead Senior High School | London, Stratford, Kent, England; Paris, France | 3/20/15 To 3/28/15 No School Days | 16/4 | \$2,650 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | Students will experience the historical sites of London and Paris and learn how these cities have impacted world culture. |
| Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School | Paris, France | 3/18/15 to 3/23/15 One School Day | 24/3 | \$2,665 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | By visiting the historical and architectural sites in Paris, students will learn about the contribution of French culture to the American experience. |
| Miami Beach Senior High School | Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Spain; Carcassonne, Provence, Avignon, France; and Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Italy | 3/19/15 to 3/30/15 Two School Days | 29/3 | \$3,060 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | The students will become better prepared to live in our global world and learn of the multicultural traditions that have been transplanted to our local community. |

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| Miami Beach Senior High School | London, England; Paris, France; Central Swiss Alps; and Florence, Assisi, Rome, Italy | 3/15/15 to 3/29/15 Four School Days | 51/7 | \$3,610 | American Airlines or another major approved airline carrier | Students will learn how these countries have influenced the development of Western civilization. |
| Miami Palmetto Senior High School | Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Costa del Sol, Seville, Cordoba, and Madrid, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal | 3/19/15 to 4/1/15 Three School Days | 18/2 | \$3,540 | Lufthansa or another major approved airline carrier | Students will learn how the cultures of Spain and Portugal have influenced world writers and artists. |

The students and teachers participating in the above-mentioned trips 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.

Students will provide a written report to their principals summarizing the highlights, experiences and educational value of the trip. The reports will also be posted on the schools' websites for other students to review.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the:

- 1. out-of-country field trip to Milan, Italy; Monaco; Nice, France; and Barcelona, Spain, for the students at Hialeah Gardens Senior High School
- 2. out-of-country field trip to Berlin, Dresden, Dachau, Munich, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Lucerne, Switzerland, for the students at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High Senior
- 3. out-of-country field trip to London, Stratford, Kent, England; and Paris, France, for the students at Homestead Senior High School
- 4. out-of-country field trip to Paris, France, for the students at Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School
- 5. out-of-country field trip Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Spain; Carcassonne, Provence, Avignon, France; and Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Italy, for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School
- 6. out-of-country field trip to London, England; Paris, France; Central Swiss Alps; and Florence, Assisi, Rome, Italy, for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School
- 7. out-of-country field trip to Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Costa del Sol, Seville, Cordoba, and Madrid, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal, for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School