

January 26, 2000

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

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

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.

SCHOOL	TO	DATE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Coral Gables Senior High	Minsk, Belarus	03/29/00 through 05/01/00	5
MAST Academy	Baku, Azerbaijan		5
Miami Senior High	Brest, Belarus		5
Miami Springs Senior High	Grodno, Belarus		5
Miami Southridge Senior High	Moscow, Russia		5
Southwest Miami Senior High	Baku, Azerbaijan		5
Palm Springs Middle	Tbilisi, Georgia		4

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE: Students from each school will visit sister schools in Russia, Georgia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan to study the history, culture, diversity, and commonalities among the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union and the United States. During the visit, the students will work on collaborative health education projects.

Thirty-four days are required for this trip, 17 of which are school days. Inasmuch as this is an exchange program, the students will be attending classes in the sister schools during the visit. Travel will be provided by Delta and Aeroflot Airlines.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-county field trip to Russia, Georgia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan, for students at Coral Gables Senior High, MAST Academy, Miami Senior High, Miami Springs Senior High, Miami Southridge Senior High, Southwest Miami Senior High, and Palm Springs Middle schools, March 29, 2000 through May 1, 2000.

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