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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 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
Westland Hialeah Senior High	Madrid, Toledo, Segovia and Salamanca, Spain	03/09/12 to 03/15/12	60	Students will have an opportunity to engage in a full linguistic and cultural immersion experience by visiting the Castile area of Spain.

Seven days are required for this trip, none of which are school days. Travel will be provided by either Delta, Iberia, Continental or American Airlines.

The students and chaperones 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.

Students will provide written reports 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.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to Madrid, Toledo, Segovia, and Salamanca, Spain for the students at Westland Hialeah Senior High School.

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