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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 | Destination | Date | Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones | Cost | Airline | Educational Purpose |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School | London, England, and Paris, France | 3/21/13 to 3/29/13 No School Days | 42 / 7 | \$2,727.00 | Delta | Students in the Cambridge/IT Magnet programs will have an opportunity to bring the classroom to life and experience different cultures |
| W.R. Thomas Middle School | London, England | 3/22/13 to 3/28/13 No School Days | 40 / 7 | \$2,700.00 | British Airways | Students in the Cambridge program will learn the importance of England in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States. |
| Sunset Senior High School | Malaga, Granada, Sevilla, Madrid and Barcelona, Spain | 3/21/13 to 3/31/13 No School Days | 40 / 6 | \$3,144.00 | Major Airline Carrier (American Airlines or Iberia Airlines) | Expose students to real life experiences and hospitality topics covered in their Hospitality and Tourism Academy courses. |

Added

Chaperones will travel with the groups at no cost since tour operators offer one free chaperone for every six participants.

The students and teachers participating in the 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.

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

RECOMMENDED:

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

1. approve the out-of-country field trip to England and France for the students at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.
2. approve the out-of country field trip to England for the students at W.R. Thomas Middle School.
3. approve the out-of country field trip to Spain for the students at Sunset Senior High School.

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