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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	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
Southwest Miami Senior High School	Paris, France	3/20/13 to 3/27/13  One School Day	42 / 7	\$2,941.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will learn the importance of France in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
Felix Varela Senior High School	London, England; Paris, Bordeaux, Biarritz, France; Barcelona, Pamplona, Spain	6/20/13 To 7/1/13  No School Days	19 / 3	\$3,442.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will experience the cultures of countries studied.

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 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.

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, approve the out-of-country field trips to:

1. France for the students at Southwest Miami Senior High School.
2. England, France, and Spain for the students at Felix Varela Senior High School.

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