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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 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
Felix Varela Senior High School	Zurich and Lucerne, Switzerland; Cinque Terre, and Milan, Italy; Nice, Nimes, Avignon, and Carcassonne, France; Barcelona, Spain	6/16/15 to 6/25/15 No School Days	19/4	\$3,280	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will develop a global vision of the world and practice their foreign language skills.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Paris, France	3/19/15 to 3/26/15 No School Days	40/4	\$2,899	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will explore the artistic and cultural contributions of France.

Westland Hialeah Senior High School	Asisi, Florence, and Rome, Italy	3/19/15 to 3/26/15 One School Day	19/3	\$2,965	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn the importance of Italy in history and its influence on our global society.
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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 respective 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 Zurich and Lucerne, Switzerland; Cinque Terre, and Milan, Italy; Nice, Nimes, Avignon, and Carcassonne, France; and Barcelona, Spain, for the students at Felix Varela Senior High School.
2. out-of-country field trip to Paris, France, for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School.
3. out-of-country field trip to Asisi, Florence, and Rome, Italy, for the students at Westland Hialeah Senior High School.

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