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 School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPORT

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
International Studies Preparatory Academy at Gables	Paris, Loire Valley, Saint Malo and Normandy, France	3/17/16 to 3/25/16 Two School Days	24/4	\$2,835	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	As students visit monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect the importance of France in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Berlin, Germany	3/16/16 to 3/27/16 Three School Days	40/4	\$3,115	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn about the history of Germany in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

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Maritime and Science Technology (MAST) High School	Athens, Patras, Argolida, Greece	3/17/16 to 3/25/16 Two School Days	40/6	\$2,710	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how these cities have influenced the architecture and engineering of the United States.
W.R. Thomas Middle School	Rome and Florence, Italy	3/18/16 to 3/25/16 No School Days	40/7	\$2,785	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn the importance of Italy in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

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 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 Paris, Loire Valley, Saint Malo and Normandy, France, for the students at International Studies Preparatory Academy at Gables;
2. out-of-country field trip to Berlin, Germany, for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School;
3. out-of-country field trip to Athens, Patras, Argolida, Greece, for the students at Maritime and Science Technology High School; and
4. out-of-country field trip to Rome and Florence, Italy, for the students at W.R. Thomas Middle School.

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