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 School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS AT MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY TO COMPETE IN THE NORTH AMERICAN ENVIROTHON COMPETITION

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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Request has been received for Miami Palmetto Senior High School 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. The State Department alerts U.S. citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased threats. There is always the possibility that a change in the travel alert level may occur prior to a trip. When there is a travel warning the affected trip will not be approved.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
Miami Palmetto Senior High School	Niagara Falls, Canada, Toronto, Canada and Peterborough, Canada	7/22/16 to 7/29/16	4/2	No Cost	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will visit the Sir Adam Beck Hydroelectric Plant and the school's State Champion EcoRaiders will represent the State of Florida in the North American Envirothon Competition.

The students and teachers participating in the above-mentioned trip will be registered with the U.S. Department of State by utilizing their on-line Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which a free service is provided by the United States Government. By registering trip participants with STEP, the Department of State can better assist them in an emergency. The cost for this field trip was paid for by the Florida State Envirothon Committee.

Students will provide a written report to their principal 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 trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, Toronto, Canada and Peterborough, Canada, for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

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