

July 27, 2016

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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL
OUT-OF-COUNTRY AND FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ACCEPT A DONATION OF 46 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A TRIP TO
MILAN AND CINQUE TERRE, ITALY, MONACO, FRENCH
RIVIERA, FRANCE AND BARCELONA, SPAIN FROM EF
EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS
TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

Requests have 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*. 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 trips will not be approved.

Additionally, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be receiving 40 student scholarships as part of a five-year proposal presented by the Superintendent to EF Educational Tours at a value of \$148,750.00. This year, the number of student scholarships was increased by 20% with one additional chaperone. Forty students and six chaperones will have the opportunity to travel to Milan and Cinque Terre, Italy, Monaco, French Riviera, France and Barcelona, Spain during the 2017 spring recess, April 8 through April 16, 2017. This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to be educated about the sites and cultures they have studied through various curricula. The trip will provide students with an opportunity that otherwise might not have been available to them.

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School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
Booker T. Washington Senior High School, John A. Ferguson Senior High School, Miami Southridge Senior High School, South Dade Senior High School and South Miami Senior High School	Milan and Cinque Terre, Italy Monaco, French Riviera, France Barcelona, Spain	4/8/17 to 4/16/17 No School Days	40/6	None	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to be educated about the sites and cultures they have studied throughout various curricula.
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School	Zurich and Lucerne, Switzerland, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome, Italy	4/6/17 to 4/15/17 One School Day	40/6	\$3,332.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will learn how these cities have influenced the architecture and engineering of the United States.
Coral Gables Senior High School	Vienna, Tyrol and Salzburg, Austria Munich and Hidelburg, Germany Lucerne, Switzerland	4/5/17 to 4/14/17 Three School Days	30/5	\$3,285.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students from IB and AP history classes will visit landmarks of historical significance and study their influence on our society.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China	4/6/17 to 4/14/17 Two School Days	34/6	\$2,965.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	As students visit the cities' monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect and influence literary writers both past and present.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Athens, Greece	4/7/17 to 4/15/17 One School Day	30/5	\$3,035.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	As students visit the cities' monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect and influence literary writers both past and present.

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John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Auckland and Rotorua, New Zealand	4/6/17 to 4/17/17 Three School Days	24/4	\$4,815.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	As students visit the cities' monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect and influence literary writers both past and present.
International Studies Preparatory Academy	Paris, France; Florence and Rome, Italy	4/6/17 to 4/14/17 Two School Days	24/4	\$3,680.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate the students of site and culture they have learned in the Curriculum.
Maritime and Science Technology Academy	Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, and Hong Kong China	4/6/17 to 4/17/17 Three School Days	40/6	\$4,147.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate the students of the sites and cultures they have learned in the curricula.
Howard D. McMillan Middle School	London, England, Paris, France, and Rome, Italy	4/6/17 to 4/13/17 Two School Days	29/5	\$3,523.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	As students visit the historical and cultural sites, they will learn how these historical cities are important in Europe's contemporary world history and the respective cultural and economic influences on global society.
South Dade Senior High School	Edinburgh, Yorkshire and Warwick, Scotland, Stratford and London, England	4/5/17 to 4/16/17 Three School Days	38/4	\$3,125.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will learn the importance of Scotland and England in history and its influence on our global society.

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 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.

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 trips to:

1. Milan and Cinque Terre, Italy, Monaco, French Riviera, France and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Booker T. Washington Senior High School, John A. Ferguson Senior High School, Miami Southridge Senior High School, South Dade Senior High School, and South Miami Senior High School;
2. Zurich and Lucerne, Switzerland, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome, Italy for the students at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School;
3. Vienna, Tyrol and Salzburg, Austria Munich and Hidelberg, Germany Lucerne, Switzerland for the students at Coral Gables Senior High School;
4. Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School;
5. Athens, Greece for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School;
6. Auckland and Rotorua, New Zealand for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School;
7. Paris, France; Florence and Rome, Italy for the students at International Studies Preparatory Academy;
8. Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, and Hong Kong China for the students at Maritime and Science Technology Academy;
9. London, England, Paris, France, and Rome, Italy for the students at Howard D. McMillan Middle School; and
10. Edinburgh, Yorkshire and Warwick, Scotland, Stratford and London, England for the students at South Dade Senior High School.