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School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

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*. 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.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students / Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Italy	3/20/2020 to 3/27/2020 One (1) School Day	16/3	\$3,230	American Airlines, Iberia Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to learn about the music, culture and historical perspective, as they explore Italy in a real-world context.
Miami Beach Senior High School	Dublin and Belfast, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland	3/19/2020 to 3/27/2020 Two (2) School Days	36/6	\$3,089	American Airlines, Iberia 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 the curricula.

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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 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.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to:

1. Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Italy for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School; and
2. Dublin and Belfast, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School.