Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of May 12, 1999

Personnel Management and Services Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEE

JOHN A. BENSON-ZONE MECHANIC OFFICE OF FACILITIES OPERATIONS

On April 28, 1999, the Superintendent of Schools sent the following letter to Mr. John A. Benson:

I am exercising my responsibility as Superintendent of Schools and recommending to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at its scheduled meeting of May 12, 1999, that the School Board suspend you and initiate dismissal proceedings against you from your current position as Zone Mechanic, Office of Facilities Operations, effective at the close of the workday, May 12, 1999, for just cause, including, but not limited to, violation of School Board Rule 6Gx13-4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties, and submitting false and/or fraudulent claims for workers' compensation benefits. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 230.03(2), 230.23(5)(f), 231.3605, and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

If you wish to contest your suspension and dismissal, you must request a hearing in writing within 20 calendar days of the receipt of notice of the Board action, in which case, formal charges will be filed and a hearing will be held before an administrative law judge.

RECOMMENDED: That effective May 12, 1999, at the close of the workday, the School

Board suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Mr. John A. Benson, Zone Mechanic, Office of Facilities Operations, pending

the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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