

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 17, 2000

May 2, 2000

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v.
CHRISTINA SMITH - CASE NO. SH 99-003 CATALANO**

On September 8, 1999, the School Board took action to suspend school bus driver Christina Smith without pay for thirty (30) days. A hearing was requested and the case was tried on December 9, 1999 before Local Hearing Officer Michael Catalano in Miami, Florida.

By recommended order entered April 21, 2000, the Hearing Officer sustained the School Board's charge against Respondent of leaving a child on her bus, and recommended that the School Board enter a final order upholding Respondent's suspension.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer in Case No. SH 99-003 Catalano, upholding the thirty (30) day suspension without pay of Christina Smith.