

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of June 20, 2001

June 5, 2001

Office of School Board Attorney  
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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. COLIN KENDREW - DH 00-008 CATALANO**

On October 11, 2000, the School Board suspended Audio-Visual Production Technician Colin Kendrew ("Respondent") without pay, and initiated dismissal proceedings against him. A hearing was requested and the case was tried on March 20, 2001, before Michael Catalano, Local Hearing Officer. Respondent was charged with misconduct in office, immorality, violation of School Board rule pertaining to Employee-Student relationships and of conduct unbecoming a School Board employee.

By Recommended Order entered May 17, 2001, the Local Hearing Officer ruled that the School Board did not prove the charges against the Respondent and recommended that Respondent be reinstated to his position with the School Board as an Audio-Visual Production Technician with back pay for the period of Respondent's suspension. The Hearing Officer's decision was based on his finding that the student witnesses who testified against the Respondent were not credible.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida enter its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Colin Kendrew - DH 00-008 Catalano, adopting the Local Hearing Officer's Recommended Order overturning the suspension and dismissal of Colin Kendrew.

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