

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of March 12, 2003

February 24, 2003

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE
SOPHIA CHEEKS – SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

On February 24, 2003, the Superintendent of Schools sent the following letter to Ms. Sophia Cheeks:

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 March 12, 2003, that the School Board suspend you without pay from your current position as School Bus Driver at Southwest Transportation Center, for 30 calendar days, effective at the close of the workday, March 12, 2003, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13-4-1.08, Violence in the Workplace; 6Gx13-4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties; and 6Gx13-5D-1.07, Corporal Punishment-Prohibited. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes, and Articles II and XI of the **Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees**.

If you wish to contest your suspension, you must request in writing within 20 calendar days of notice of the Board action, a hearing or grievance/arbitration process as stipulated in the Contract, Articles VII and XI.

RECOMMENDED: That effective March 12, 2003, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend Ms. Sophia Cheeks, School Bus Driver, at Southwest Transportation Center, for 30 calendar days without pay, pending the outcome of a hearing or grievance/arbitration process, if requested.

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