

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT: DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEE
MICHAEL W. DEPALO - TEACHER
MIAMI NORLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

On August 27, 2003, the Superintendent of Schools sent the following letter to Mr. Michael W. Depalo:

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 September 10, 2003, that the School Board suspend you and initiate dismissal proceedings against you from your current position as Teacher at Miami Norland Senior High School, effective at the close of the workday, September 10, 2003, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; conduct unbecoming a School Board employee; and violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4-1.08, Violence in the Workplace; and 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

If you wish to contest your suspension and dismissal, you must request a hearing in writing within 15 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 September 10, 2003, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Mr. Michael W. Depalo, Teacher at Miami Norland Senior High School pending the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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