

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of November 19, 2003

November 4, 2003

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE  
PEDRO C. VALDES – PATROL OFFICER  
MIAMI-DADE SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On November 4, 2003, the Superintendent of Schools sent the following letter to Mr. Pedro C. Valdes:

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 November 19, 2003, that the School Board suspend you without pay from your current position as Patrol Officer at Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, for 10 work days, effective at the close of the workday, November 19, 2003, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 843.02, 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

If you wish to contest your suspension, 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 November 19, 2003, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend Mr. Pedro C. Valdes, Patrol Officer, at Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, for 10 work days without pay, pending the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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