

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of April 18, 2007

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Office of School Board Attorney  
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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. MANUEL BRENES, DOAH Case No. 06-1758**

On May 10, 2006, the School Board took action to suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Manuel Brenes, a teacher with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The charges included misconduct in office, violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, *Responsibilities and Duties*, 6Gx13- 5D-1.07, *Corporal Punishment-Prohibited* and 6Gx13-4-1.08, *Violence in the Workplace*. Mr. Brenes requested an administrative hearing on the termination of his employment and the hearing was held on September 7, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge John G. Van Laningham.

By Recommended Order entered February 27, 2007, the Administrative Law Judge recommended that the School Board enter a final order reinstating Manuel Brenes as a teacher with back pay.

A copy of the Recommended Order is being furnished to the Board under separate cover, along with a copy of the proposed Final Order.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida enter a Final Order accepting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Manuel Brenes, DOAH Case No. 06-1758, reinstating Manuel Brenes as a teacher with back pay.

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