

Office of School Board Attorney  
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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. M.P. -  
Case No. 07-177 (Goodman)**

On April 16, 2008, the School Board administratively assigned Respondent, student M.P., from Doral Academy Charter Middle School to the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at Miami Douglas MacArthur North for two consecutive, successful grading periods in lieu of expulsion. M.P. timely requested an administrative hearing to contest the assignment, and the hearing was held on June 2, 2008, before Hearing Officer Rhonda Goodman.

The District conducted this hearing because the School Board has an interest in the assignment of the student prior to the student's return to his traditional home school.

By Recommended Order entered July 11, 2008, the hearing officer found that the School Board had shown by a preponderance of the evidence that student M.P., while enrolled at Doral Academy Charter Middle School, had violated the *Code of Student Conduct* ("Code") by bringing a large knife to school - a Level V violation of the *Code*. The hearing officer also held that the School Board had properly applied the *Code*. Accordingly, the hearing officer recommended that the School Board enter a final order sustaining the assignment of M.P. to the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at Miami Douglas MacArthur North for two consecutive, successful grading periods.

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 in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. M.P., Case No. 07-177(Goodman), adopting the hearing officer's Recommended Order and sustaining the School Board's assignment of M.P. to the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at Miami Douglas MacArthur North for two consecutive, successful grading periods.