

Office of Professional Standards
Maria Teresa Rojas, Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY AND INITIATE
DISMISSAL PROCEEDINGS OF EMPLOYEE PENDING APPEAL
LOURDES HERRERA - PSYCHOLOGIST
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF INSTRUCTION AND
EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS**

On October 1, 2008, the following letter was sent to Dr. Lourdes Herrera:

This is to notify you that the Superintendent of Schools will be recommending to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at its scheduled meeting of October 15, 2008, that the School Board suspend you without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against you from your current position as Psychologist at Psychological Services, effective at the close of the workday, October 15, 2008, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties, 6Gx13- 4A-1.213, Code of Ethics, 6Gx13- 4C-1.17, Employment-Nonschool, and 6Gx13- 4C-1.18, Nonschool Employment. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rule 6B-1.001.

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.

If the School Board accepts (or approves) the Superintendent's recommendation, you will be notified of the School Board's action.

RECOMMENDED: That effective October 15, 2008, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against Dr. Lourdes Herrera, Psychologist at Psychological Services, pending the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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