

Office of Professional Standards
Maria Teresa Rojas, Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY AND INITIATE
DISMISSAL PROCEEDINGS OF EMPLOYEE PENDING APPEAL
LEONARDO A. VALDES – MICROSYSTEMS TECHNICIAN
PALM SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

On January 6, 2010, the following letter was sent to Mr. Leonardo A. Valdes:

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 January 13, 2010, that the School Board suspend you without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against you from your current position as Microsystems Technician at Palm Springs Middle School, effective at the close of the workday, January 13, 2010, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4-1.09, Employee-Student Relationships, 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties, and 6Gx13- 4A-1.213, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.40, and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

If you wish to contest your suspension and dismissal, you must request a hearing, pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.064, 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 January 13, 2010, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against Mr. Leonardo A. Valdes, Microsystems Technician at Palm Springs Middle School, pending the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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