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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. MARIELLA BRENLLA, DOAH Case No. 09-6613

On November 17, 2009, the School Board took action to suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Respondent, a secondary school teacher with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, for just cause including, but not limited to, Misconduct in Office, and 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*. Respondent timely requested an administrative hearing. The final hearing was held on June 10, 2010 before Administrative Law Judge John Van Laningham.

At the conclusion of the administrative proceedings, the Administrative Law Judge concluded that the Respondent had engaged in, among other things, immorality. By Recommended Order entered October 18, 2010, the Administrative Law Judge found that the School Board had just cause to terminate Respondent's employment and recommended that the School Board enter a final order terminating Respondent's employment with the District.

A copy of the Recommended Order and proposed Final Order is being furnished to the Board under separate cover.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order as its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Mariella Brenlla, DOAH Case No. 09-6613, sustaining Respondent's suspension without pay and terminating Respondent Mariella Brenlla's employment with the School Board.