

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE  
CANDACE L. COPELAND - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER  
NORTH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

On May 2, 2002, the Superintendent of Schools sent the following letter to Ms. Candace L. Copeland:

I am exercising my responsibility as Superintendent of Schools and recommending to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at its scheduled meeting of May 15, 2002, that the School Board suspend you without pay from your current position as School Bus Driver at North Regional Transportation Center, for 30 calendar days, effective at the close of the workday, May 15, 2002, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13-3E-1.10, Transportation-Specific Procedures, specifically, Safe Driver Plan, and 6Gx13-4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 230.03(2), 230.23(5)(f), 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the **Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.**

If you wish to contest your suspension, you must request in writing within 20 calendar days of notice of the Board action, a hearing or grievance/arbitration process as stipulated in the Contract, Articles VII and XI.

**RECOMMENDED:** That effective May 15, 2002, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend Ms. Candace L. Copeland, School Bus Driver at North Regional Transportation Center, for 30 calendar days without pay, pending the outcome of a hearing or grievance/arbitration process, if requested.

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