

August 21, 2002

Paul R. Philip, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION**

Subsequent to the August 9, 2002 notification to Mr. Robert C. Ruggiero from the Superintendent of Schools that he would be recommended for dismissal on August 21, 2002, for just cause, including but not limited to: misconduct in office and violation of School Board Rule 6Gx13-4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties, he submitted a letter of resignation from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, effective August 20, 2002.

Upon consultation with the School Board Attorney, the Office of Professional Standards recommends that the resignation be accepted as achieving the objectives sought by the School Board in this case. Acceptance of the resignation does not alter the following effects of the employment termination:

- prevention of any future employment in any capacity by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and
- retention of the information regarding the dismissal action by the Superintendent of Schools as a matter of official record.
- notification of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as required in Florida State Statute, Chapter 943.

Acceptance of the resignation will also obviate the requirement for further legal actions by the School Board.

This item was not published in the regular agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because the employee may rescind the resignation prior to Board action.

**RECOMMENDED:** That effective August 20, 2002, at the close of the workday, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida accept the resignation of Mr. Robert C. Ruggiero, Patrol Officer, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department.

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