Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of April 14, 2004

Office of District Compliance Units Virginia M. Bradford, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEE, LINDA S. WITT – TEACHER AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RE-EMPLOY IF AND AS APPROPRIATE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1012.33(4)(b), Florida Statutes, the Superintendent submits this recommendation to terminate the continuing teaching contract of Ms. Linda S. Witt at the end of the school year for good and sufficient reasons based on the medical reports received by the School District indicating that Ms. Witt is not qualified to perform the duties of a classroom teacher.

In order to protect the confidentiality of the employee's medical information, as required under the provisions of Chapter 119, and Section 395.3025 and 394.4615, Florida Statutes, the medical reports will be made available to the School Board as indicated under separate cover. Additionally, a proposed Final Order will be provided under separate cover.

The employee has the right to appeal the School Board's final order to the Third District Court of Appeal, pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, within 30 days of the Board's action.

School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.30 provides in part that: "No person who has been separated from the employ of the Board for cause shall be re-employed in any department on any basis until a special request for so doing has been approved by the Board." Concurrently, a special request is submitted, pursuant to the provisions of the Board Rule, for the Board to approve the future re-employment of Ms. Witt in a vacant non-classroom position for which she is qualified, if a position and a vacancy exist, and if the employee applies and is selected for it.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- terminate the employment contract of Ms. Linda S. Witt and dismiss her from her classroom teaching position with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for good and sufficient reasons pursuant to Section 1012.33(4)(b); and
- 2. approve the re-employment of Ms. Linda Witt in the future, pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.30, in a non-classroom position for which she is qualified, if a position and vacancy exist and if the employee applies and is selected for it.