Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of June 13, 2007

Office of Professional Standards Maria Teresa Rojas, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDED SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY AND INITIATE DISMISSAL PROCEEDINGS OF EMPLOYEE PENDING APPEAL

JORGE J. LI - MICROSYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:

IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF INSTRUCTION AND

**EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS** 

On May 25, 2007, the following letter was sent to Mr. Jorge J. Li:

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 June 13, 2007, that the School Board suspend you without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against you from your current position as Microsystems Technician at Cypress Elementary School, effective at the close of the workday, June 13, 2007, for just cause, including, but not limited to: insubordination; excessive absenteeism; abandonment of position; and violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties, 6Gx13- 4A-1.213, Code of Ethics, and 6Gx13- 4E-1.01, Absences and Leaves. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.40, 1012.67, and 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 and dismissal, you must request in writing within 20 calendar days of notice of the Board action, a hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding. The grievance/arbitration proceeding is regulated by Articles VII and XI of the AFSCME Contract. Your selection of one appeal method waives the right to select the other appeal method in the future. If you select arbitration, you must also notify AFSCME of your selection and obtain AFSCME's written concurrence.

If the School Board accepts (or approves) the Superintendent's recommendation, you will be notified of the School Board's action.

RECOMMENDED:

That effective June 13, 2007, at the close of the workday, the School Board suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Mr. Jorge J. Li, Microsystems Technician at Cypress Elementary School, pending the outcome of a hearing, if requested.

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