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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. LOUIS  
DEPRIEST - DOAH CASE NO. 11-2592**

On May 11, 2011, the School Board suspended Louis DePriest, a teacher, for five school days without pay for violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13-4A-1.21, *Responsibilities and Duties* and 6Gx13-4A-1.213, *Code of Ethics* in accordance with sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33(1)(a) and (6)(a), and 447.209, Florida Statutes and the United Teachers of Dade collective bargaining agreement. The Respondent timely requested a hearing, and on September 15, 2011, a hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Cathy M. Sellers of the Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH").

At the conclusion of the case, the ALJ submitted an Order recommending that the School Board enter a final order rescinding the suspension of Respondent from his employment for five days without pay, and pay Respondent's back salary for the five-day period for which he was suspended.

We recommend acceptance of the ALJ's Recommended Order as the School Board's Final Order.

A copy of the Recommended Order is being furnished to the Board under separate cover with a copy of the proposed Final Order for the Board's consideration.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida enter a Final Order accepting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Louis DePriest, DOAH Case No. 11-2592 rescinding the suspension of Respondent from his employment for five days without pay, and pay Respondent's back salary for the five-day period for which he was suspended.