

Office of School Board Attorney  
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**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD v. ALMARINE L. ELLIS,  
DOAH Case No. 12-3152TTS**

On September 5, 2012, the School Board took action to suspend without pay and initiate dismissal proceedings against Respondent Almarine L. Ellis, a teacher with the school district, for just cause, including but not limited to, misconduct in office and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting in accordance with §§ 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.32, 1012.33, 435.04, 435.06 and 447.209, Florida Statutes and State Board Rules 6B-1.001, 6B-1.006, and 6B-4.009, FAC.

After the Respondent timely requested a hearing, but before the evidentiary hearing before the Division of Administrative Hearings took place, Respondent agreed to the imposition of the relief requested by the School Board as set forth in a tentative Agreement. The essential terms of the Agreement are as follows:

Respondent shall be reinstated to her position as a teacher with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools effective as of January 17, 2013. Respondent's suspension from employment from September 5, 2012 through January 16, 2013, shall constitute a suspension for time-served, and Respondent shall receive no compensation or back-pay for the period of her suspension from employment.

In order for such reinstatement to take effect, Respondent must comply with the conditions set forth in the proposed Agreement, and failure to comply with such conditions will result in Respondent's dismissal without further recourse.

Upon consultation with administration, it is recommended that the proposed Agreement be accepted as achieving the objective sought by the School Board in this case. Acceptance of the agreement, forwarded under separate cover to the Board, is in the School Board's best interests, and will obviate the need for further legal actions by the School Board.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the proposed Agreement in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Almarine Ellis, DOAH Case No. 12-3152TTS, suspending Respondent without pay for the period of her suspension, which she has already served, and reinstating her to her position as a teacher with the School Board, under the conditions specified in the Agreement.