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SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD v. YOLANDA AMBROSE
DOAH Case No. 25-6083

On November 19, 2025, the School Board took action to suspend Respondent, Yolanda Ambrose, without pay for ten (10) workdays for just cause, including but not limited to Misconduct in Office; and violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct, 4210.01, Code of Ethics, and 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare, in accordance with §§ 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, F.A.C. The recommended disciplinary action resulted from Respondent's alleged failure to properly supervise students under her care. Respondent timely requested an administrative hearing to contest her suspension.

An administrative hearing was held on March 5, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), Meredith C. Hinshelwood, of the Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH"). The ALJ issued her Recommended Order on June 8, 2026. In her Recommended Order, the ALJ found that just cause to impose discipline did not exist and recommended that the School Board enter a Final Order dismissing the charges against the Respondent, rescinding Respondent's suspension, and awarding Respondent back pay for the period of her suspension, ten (10) workdays.

We recommend that the School Board accept the Recommended Order as the School Board's Final Order. A copy of the Recommended Order is being furnished to the Board under separate cover along with a copy of the proposed Final Order for the Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopt the Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety as its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Yolanda Ambrose, DOAH Case No. 25-6083, dismissing the charges against the Respondent, rescinding Respondent's suspension, and awarding Respondent back pay for the period of her suspension, ten (10) workdays.