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Re: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Neil D. Lefkowitz
DOAH Case No. 03-0186

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Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for your records please find a copy of the School Board's Final Order in the above-referenced case. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

for **MELINDA L. McNICHOLS**
Assistant Board Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: Patricia Hart Malono, Administrative Law Judge
Neil D. Lefkowitz, *Pro Se*
Ms. Virginia Bradford
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CASE NO. 03-0186

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA,

Petitioner,

v.

NEIL D. LEFKOWITZ,

Respondent.

**FINAL ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

THIS CAUSE having come on for hearing before The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at its regular meeting of August 20, 2003, upon the Recommended Order by the duly appointed Administrative Law Judge, recommending that the School Board suspend the employee for twenty-four (24) months, retroactive to the date on which the School Board suspended him from his employment without pay, and the School Board having been fully advised in the premises, it is hereby ordered by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, that:

- 1. The Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, attached hereto, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Final Order of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida;**
- 2. Neil D. Lefkowitz's suspension from employment for twenty-four (24) months retroactive to January 15, 2003 is hereby sustained;**
- 3. Neil D. Lefkowitz be and is hereby suspended from his employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and shall forfeit all compensation for the period of his suspension; and**
- 4. Neil D. Lefkowitz should accept conditions set by The School Board**

upon his return to employment as the School Board deems appropriate.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20th day of August, 2003.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

Chair

Filed with the Clerk of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida this 21st day of August, 2003.

APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER

This Order may be appealed by filing two (2) copies of a notice of appeal accompanied by a filing fee, as set out in section 120.68(2), Florida Statutes and Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110(b) and (c), within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this Final Order.