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October 25, 2013

Claude B. Arrington, Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Hearings
The DeSoto Building
1230 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1550

RE: Broward County School Board vs. Rhea Cohen
DOAH Case No. 12-2859TTS

Dear Judge Arrington:

For the Division's file, enclosed please find the Final Order concerning the above-referenced matter, which was considered at the October 15, 2013 Regular School Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

J. Paul Carland, II

JPC:jcf
Enclosure

C: Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

Petitioner,

DOAH CASE Nos. 12-2859TTS

vs.

RSBM Agenda: 101513-H-1

RHEA COHEN,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA on October 15, 2013, to consider the Amended Recommended Order entered on July 16, 2013, by Claude B. Arrington, Administrative Law Judge (hereinafter "ALJ") of the State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

IT IS THEREUPON ADJUDGED that:

1. Exceptions to the Amended Recommended Order were filed by the Respondent and were subsequently withdrawn.

2. The Amended Recommended Order is adopted in its entirety and is incorporated herein by reference.

3. The School Board of Broward County, Florida upholds the suspension without pay and terminates the employment of Rhea Cohen.

DONE AND ORDERED in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 23rd day of October 2013.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Laurie Rich Levinson
LAURIE RICH LEVINSON, CHAIR

Filed in Official School Board Records the
23rd day of October, 2013.

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APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Sta., a party to this proceeding may seek judicial review of this Final Order in the appropriate district court of appeal by filing a notice of appeal with Noemi Gutierrez, Agency Clerk, Official School Board Records, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 600 Southeast Third Avenue – 2nd Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Final Order. A copy of the notice and a copy of this Final Order, together with the appropriate filing fee, must also be filed with the Clerk, Fourth District Court of Appeal, 1525 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401-2399. If you fail to file your notice of appeal within the time prescribed by laws and the rules of court, you will lose your right to appeal this Final Order.