BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CORDELIA BROWN,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 16-0378

SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

Respondent,

and

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Intervenor

FINAL ORDER

This action is before the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida ("School Board") on the Recommended Order of Administrative Law Judge J. Bruce Culpepper dated June 13, 2016, along with the exceptions filed by Intervenor Department of Education and the response thereto filed by Petitioner Cordelia Brown.

Upon due consideration, it is ordered and adjudged that:

The Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge dated June 13, 2016, is adopted and its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are incorporated herein by reference. The School Board shall include Petitioner, Cordelia Brown, as a teacher eligible for a 2015 Best and Brightest Scholarship. The

exceptions filed by the Department of Education are overruled as the Administrative Law Judge's Conclusions of Law are reasonable.

This is a Final Order appealable to the Second District Court of Appeal. Any appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of this final order in accordance with Rule 9.110(c) of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of August, 2016, at Sarasota, Florida.

Shirley Brown, Chair

cc: Ronald G. Meyer, Esq./Lynn C. Hearn, Esq.
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