



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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Amendment to the Ft. Myers High School Baseball Title VI Investigation

- A case was opened on Mr. Robert Hinson, Physical Education (PE) Teacher/Assistant Baseball Coach, Ft. Myers High School, on or about 04/10/2023; Case # IA-23-58.
- Allegations were:
 - On or about 04/06/2023, Professional Standards (PS) received information that Mr. Robert Hinson, Teacher, Fort Myers High School may have walked out of a baseball game, while it was being played, with other student athletes leaving other student athletes behind. It is alleged that the walkout was planned. It is also alleged that this act may involve equity and/or racism. The walking out may have exposed student(s) to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement. In addition, on or about 04/05/2023, Professional Standards received information that Mr. Hinson may have given inaccurate information to the head baseball coach which resulted in a student athlete being benched. This same athlete was left behind during the walkout.
- A Pre-Determination Hearing was on 08/03/2023.
- An outcome was rendered on 08/04/2023.
- The outcome to Mr. Hinson's case, IA-23-58, was the following:
 - District found just cause for disciplinary action.
 - Written Reprimand due to conduct unbecoming of a District employee.
 - Five (5) day suspension without pay, 08/07/2023 – 08/11/2023.
 - Transferred from Ft. Myers High School.
 - Currently a PE Teacher at Paul Lawrence Dunbar Middle School.
 - Required to complete a Code of Ethics training by 09/29/2023.
 - Restricted from all coaching for one year, school year 2023 – 2024.