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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	
VALDORA CELESTINE,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0157-11
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: August 11, 2011
)	
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency)	Administrative Judge
_____)	
Crystal Parker, Employee Representative)	
Harriet Segar, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2011, Valdora Celestine (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the D.C. Public School’s (“DCPS” or “Agency”) decision to terminate her effective August 12, 2011. At the time of her termination, Employee was a Teacher at LaSalle Elementary School. Employee was terminated for receiving an IMPACT rating of “minimally effective” for the 2009-2010 school year, and the 2010-2011 school year. On August 8, 2011, before Agency was notified of Employee’s petition for appeal, Employee submitted to this Office, a written request to withdraw her appeal. This matter was assigned to me on August 10, 2011. This matter is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee has withdrawn her appeal, Employee's petition for appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the petition for appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Administrative Judge