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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:

REGINALD WIGGINS Employce

v.

D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Agency

OEA Matter No. 2401-0141-04

Date of Issuance: October 4, 2005

Daryl J. Hollis, Esq. Senior Administrative Judge

Brenda Zwack, Esq., Employee Representative Harriet Segar, Esq., Agency Representative

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

On July 1, 2004, Employee, a Teacher at Orr Elementary School, filed a petition for appeal from Agency's final decision separating him from Government service pursuant to a reduction-in-force (RIF).

This matter was assigned to me on March 7, 2005. I conducted a Prehearing Conference on May 24, 2005. At that proceeding, the parties expressed a willingness to settle the matter, but by late June 2005 they had not yet reached an agreement. On June 28, 2005, I scheduled an evidentiary Hearing for August 9, 2005 and also referred the case to the Office's Mediation and Conciliation Program. *See* OEA Rule 607, 46 D.C. Reg. 9301 (1999). Wanda Jackson, Esq., acted as the Mediator. The mediation efforts were

fruitful, and on August 8, 2005, I received a copy of a fully executed settlement agreement, and attached thereto a written withdrawal of Employee's petition for appeal. I then canceled the evidentiary Hearing. The record is closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Whether this matter may now be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The parties have settled this matter. As a result of the settlement, Employee withdrew his petition for appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, I conclude that this matter may now be dismissed.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby ORDERED that this matter is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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DARYL J. HOLLIS, Esq. Senior Administrative Judge