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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**BEFORE**  
**THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

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In the Matter of:	)	
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JULIA SAUNDERS,	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0177-11
Employee	)	
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: July 26, 2013
	)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	)	STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	)	Administrative Judge
Agency	)	
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Julia Saunders, Employee <i>Pro-Se</i>		
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On August 17, 2011, Employee filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“DCPS” or “Agency”) decision to terminate her from her position as a Teacher due to receiving a minimally effective rating for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Employee’s termination was effective July 29, 2011.

I was assigned this matter on June 18, 2013. On July 17, 2013, the undersigned issued an Order directing the parties to appear at a Prehearing Conference on August 20, 2013. Subsequently, Employee filed a request to voluntarily withdraw her Petition for Appeal on July 24, 2013. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her Petition for Appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, I conclude that this matter is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this matter be **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.  
Administrative Judge