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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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| LAURA IRBY, |) | OEA Matter No. 1601-0008-13 |
| Employee |) | |
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| v. |) | Date of Issuance: May 30, 2014 |
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| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA |) | STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq. |
| PUBLIC SCHOOLS, |) | Administrative Judge |
| Agency |) | |
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| Jonathan F.S. Love, Esq., Employee Representative |) | |
| Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative |) | |

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 10, 2013, Laura Irby (“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 effective September 11, 2012. On November 13, 2012, Agency submitted its Answer in response to Employee’s Petition for Appeal.

I was assigned this matter on January 21, 2014. On January 23, 2014, the undersigned issued an Order directing the parties to appear at a Prehearing Status Conference on March 18, 2014 (“March 18th Prehearing Conference”). During the Prehearing Conference, the parties requested to participate in mediation. Accordingly, a mediation session was held in this matter on March 19, 2014. Subsequently, on May 27, 2014, Employee submitted documentation voluntarily withdrawing her Petition for Appeal.¹ The record is now closed.

¹ See Employee Notice of Dismissal (May 27, 2014).

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Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her Petition for Appeal.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:

STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.
Administrative Judge