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

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
KIMBERLY FORD,	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0031-17
	)	
Employee	)	
	)	Date of Issuance: May 31, 2017
v.	)	
	)	
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	)	MICHELLE R. HARRIS, Esq.
Agency	)	Administrative Judge
	)	
	)	
Kimberly Ford, Employee <i>Pro Se</i>	)	
Carl K. Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative	)	

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On February 17, 2017, Kimberly Ford (“Employee”), filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“Agency” or “DCPS”) decision to terminate her from her position as a Compliance Case Manager, effective close of business March 6, 2017. On April 6, 2017, Agency filed its Answer and Motion to Dismiss Employee’s Petition for Appeal. This matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge (“AJ”) on April 10, 2017.

On April 13, 2017, I issued an Order requiring Employee to address the jurisdictional issue noted by Agency in its Motion to Dismiss. Employee’s response was due on or before May 1, 2017. Employee did not respond to that Order. Consequently, on May 9, 2017, I issued an Order for Statement of Good Cause to Employee. Employee was ordered to submit her brief, and a statement of good cause based on her failure respond to the April 13, 2017 Order. Employee had until May 23, 2017, to respond. On May 25, 2017, Employee filed a withdrawal notice with this Office stating in pertinent part that, “I am writing to withdraw the employee appeal filed against DC Public Schools on or about February 17, 2017.”<sup>1</sup> The record is now closed.

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<sup>1</sup> Employee’s Withdrawal Letter filed May 25, 2017.

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 based upon Employee's voluntary withdrawal.

FINDINGS OF FACTS, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In the instant matter, since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, Employee's petition is hereby dismissed.

ORDER

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

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MICHELLE R. HARRIS, Esq.  
Administrative Judge