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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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GLORIA JACKSON,	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0122-13
Employee	)	
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: July 15, 2014
	)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	)	STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	)	Administrative Judge
Agency	)	
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Gloria Jackson, Employee <i>Pro-Se</i>		
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2013, Gloria Jackson (“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 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. Employee’s termination was effective August 10, 2013. Agency submitted its response to Employee’s Petition for Appeal on September 9, 2013.

I was assigned this matter on May 14, 2014. On May 20, 2014, the undersigned issued an Order directing the parties to appear at a Prehearing Conference on August 5, 2014. Subsequently, on July 14, 2014, Employee filed a request to voluntarily withdraw her Petition for Appeal. 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

On July 14, 2014, Employee submitted a statement explaining that she would not be in town on August 5, 2014, and “[did] not want a delay in the proceeding.” Employee further noted that she appreciated the undersigned’s “willingness to see this matter going further, but [she] no longer desire[s] to work for [the] District.” In light of these statements, the undersigned finds that Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her Petition for Appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, the undersigned concludes 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