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**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**BEFORE**

**THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

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In the Matter of:	)	
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JABARI KHALFANI,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0005-11
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: March 27, 2014
	)	
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	)	
Agency	)	Eric T. Robinson, Esq.
	)	Senior Administrative Judge
_____	)	
Rani Rolston, Esq., Employee Representative		
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 5, 2010, Jabari Khalfani (“Employee”) submitted a petition for appeal to the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools (“Agency”) action of removing him from service. I was assigned this matter on or about July 2012. On September 7, 2012, I issued an Order Convening a Prehearing Conference set for October 23, 2012. The conference was held as scheduled. During this conference, the parties indicated that they wished to explore the possibility of settling this matter. Under the auspices of the OEA Mediation program, the parties engaged in protracted settlement talks. On March 27, 2013, Employee, through counsel, submitted a motion wherein it was requested that this matter be dismissed. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee, through counsel, voluntarily withdrew his petition for appeal, I find that Employee's petition for appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the above-captioned petition for appeal be dismissed.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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ERIC T. ROBINSON ESQ.  
Senior Administrative Judge