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

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
PAULETTE BINNS,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0059-19
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: August 12, 2019
	)	
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT	)	
OF EDUCATION,	)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency	)	Senior Administrative Judge
_____	)	
Paulette Binns, Employee <i>Pro Se</i>		
Kevin M. Stokes, Esq., Agency’s Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL History**

On June 27, 2019, Paulette Bins, (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the D.C. Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s (“OSSE” or “Agency”) decision to suspend her for fifteen (15) days from her position of Bus Attendant, effective May 30, 2019 through June 19, 2019. On July 29, 2019, Agency filed its Answer to Employee’s Petition for Appeal noting that, the parties had reached a settlement agreement in which Employee agreed to dismiss all matters pending before OEA. Agency attached a copy of the settlement agreement to its Answer. Both parties signed the attached settlement agreement on July 23, 2019.<sup>1</sup> This matter was assigned to the undersigned on August 6, 2019. The record is now closed.

**JURISDICTION**

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

<sup>1</sup> See Agency’s Answer at Exhibit 4 (July 29, 2019).

ISSUE

Whether Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

D.C. Official Code §1-606.06(b) (2001) states in pertinent part that:

If the parties agree to a settlement without a decision on the merits of the case, a settlement agreement, prepared and signed by all parties, shall constitute the final and binding resolution of the appeal, and the [Administrative Judge] shall dismiss the appeal with prejudice.

In the instant matter, since the parties have agreed and executed a settlement agreement, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Petition for Appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.  
Senior Administrative Judge