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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	OEA Matter No.: 1601-0114-15
JAIMIE AWDU,)	
Employee)	
)	Date of Issuance: April 11, 2016
v.)	
)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	
Agency)	
)	
)	Arien P. Cannon, Esq.
)	Administrative Judge
_____)	
Jaimie Awdu, Employee, <i>Pro se</i>		
Nicole Dillard, Esq., Agency Representative		

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2014, Jaimie Awdu (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“Office” or “OEA”) challenging the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“Agency”) decision to remove him from his position as a result of an IMPACT evaluation. Employee was an Educational Aide with Agency. This matter was assigned to me on October 7, 2015. A Prehearing Conference was held on January 8, 2016. Prior to the parties’ briefs being submitted, this matter was scheduled for mediation. As a result of mediation, the parties reached a settlement agreement. Subsequently, Employee submitted a letter withdrawing his appeal. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction of this Office is established in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed based on his voluntary withdrawal as a result of settlement negotiations.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

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.

Employee submitted a Withdrawal of Appeal to this Office, dated April 7, 2016, based on a Settlement Agreement between the parties. Accordingly, Employee's Petition for Appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Employee's Petition for Appeal is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

Arien P. Cannon, Esq.
Administrative Judge