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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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BRENDA HARRIS,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0147-12
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: April 9, 2013
	)	
OFFICE OF THE STATE	)	
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION,	)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency	)	Administrative Judge
_____	)	
Brenda Harris, Employee <i>Pro Se</i>		
Hillary Hoffman-Peak, Esq., Agency Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On July 13, 2012, Brenda Harris (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s (“OSSE” or “Agency”) action of terminating her from her position as a Bus Attendant, effective June 14, 2012. On August 14, 2012, Agency submitted its Answer to Employee’s Petition for Appeal. Thereafter, a Mediation Conference was scheduled for December 6, 2012. This Mediation Conference was later rescheduled for January 17, 2013. On December 17, 2012, Employee submitted a letter to this Office noting that she was not interested in Mediation. The record is now closed.

**JURISDICTION**

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

**ISSUE**

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

In her December 17, 2012, letter to this Office, Employee withdrew her Petition for Appeal in this matter as she stated that "...I will no longer need your services. I was reinstated to start back at work on 8-15-2012. There isn't any need for the confidential meeting with the mediator..." Since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.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**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.  
Administrative Judge