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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. 1601-0205-12
VALREE SMITH)	
Employee)	Date of Issuance: December 2, 2013
)	
v.)	Lois Hochhauser, Esq.
)	Administrative Judge
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	
Agency)	
_____)	
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative)	
Michael Vogelsang, Jr., Esq., Employee Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Valree Smith, Employee, filed a petition with the Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) on August 15, 2012, appealing the decision of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Agency, to remove her from her position as Instructional Coach, effective August 10, 2012. On November 15, 2013, Employee filed a “Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Appeal.” The matter was assigned to me on November 18, 2013. The record is hereby closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Should this matter be dismissed?

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

Employee, represented by counsel, determined that she did not want to pursue this

matter further, and filed a “Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Appeal.” Her decision appears to be voluntary and deliberate. The Administrative Judge has determined that good cause exists to permit Employee to withdraw the petition and then to dismiss the appeal.

ORDER

Based on these findings and conclusions, and consistent with this analysis, it is hereby:

ORDERED: The petition for appeal is dismissed.

FOR THE OFFICE:

LOIS HOCHHAUSER, Esq.
Administrative Judge