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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)
ALLEN JONES, JR., Employee	OEA Matter No. 1601-0121-13
V.) Date of Issuance: May 28, 2014
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Agency) MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.) Administrative Judge
Allen Jones, Jr., Employee <i>Pro Se</i> Carl K. Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative	_/

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 24, 2013, Allen Jones, Jr., ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA" or "Office") contesting the D.C. Public Schools' ("Agency") decision to terminate him from his position as a Special Education Teacher effective August 10, 2013. Employee was terminated for receiving an 'Ineffective' rating under the IMPACT Performance Assessment System for the 2012-2013 school year. On August 29, 2013, Agency filed its Answer to Employee's Petition for Appeal.

This matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge ("AJ") on May 14, 2014. On May 16, 2014, I issued an Order directing the parties to attend a Status Conference on June 10, 2014. On May 27, 2014, Employee submitted a letter wherein, he stated that "I am writing to inform you that I have decided to withdraw my petition to appeal matter no. 1601-0121-13." The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The 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

Since	Employee	has	voluntarily	withdrawn	his	appeal,	Employee's	Petition	for	Appeal	is
dismissed.											

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby ORDERED that the Petition	for Appeal in this matter is l	DISMISSED.
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FOR THE OFFICE:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq. Administrative Judge