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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)	
LEON HARRISON, Employee)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0171-12
Zimprojec)	Date of Issuance: August 29, 2014
v.)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	Administrative Judge
Agency)	
)	
Leon Harrison, Employee <i>Pro-Se</i>	_ /	
Carl K. Turpin, Esq., Agency Represen	ntative	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 30, 2012, Leon Harrison ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA") contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools' ("DCPS" or "Agency") decision to terminate him from his position as a Teacher due to receiving a 'Minimally Effective' rating for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Employee's termination was effective August 10, 2012. Agency submitted its response to Employee's Petition for Appeal on September 10, 2012.

I was assigned this matter on October 25, 2013. On June 11, 2014, the undersigned held a Prehearing Status Conference, where both parties were in attendance. On June 13, 2014, the undersigned issued a Post Prehearing Status Conference Order directing the parties to submit briefs in this matter. On August 22, 2014, the undersigned granted Agency's Unopposed Motion to Extend Briefing Schedule and set new deadlines for the parties to submit briefs. Subsequently, on August 22, 2014, Employee filed a request to voluntarily withdraw his Petition for Appeal. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

On August 22, 2014, Employee submitted a statement stating that he was withdrawing his Petition for Appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, the undersigned concludes that this matter is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this matter be **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq. Administrative Judge