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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### **BEFORE**

### THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

| In the Matter of:                        | ) |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| PHILLIP TUCKER,<br>Employee              | ) | OEA Matter No. 1601-0225-12        |
| Employee                                 | ) | Date of Issuance: October 31, 2013 |
| v.                                       | ) |                                    |
| DIGEDICE OF COLUMN                       | ) | GEEDMANIE VALABRIGAE               |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA                     | ) | STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq.          |
| PUBLIC SCHOOLS,                          | ) | Administrative Judge               |
| Agency                                   | ) |                                    |
|  | ) |                                    |
|  | ) |                                    |
| Phillip Tucker, Employee <i>Pro-Se</i>   |   |                                    |
| Carl Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative |   |                                    |

### **INITIAL DECISION**

### INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On August 29, 2012, Phillip Tucker ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA" or "Office") contesting his termination from the District of Columbia Public Schools' ("DCPS" or "Agency").

A Meditation Conference was held on August 29, 2013. Neither of the parties were present for the mediation. However, the assigned mediator contacted Employee, who indicated that he was going to voluntarily withdraw his appeal. Subsequently, on October 11, 2013, Employee submitted a statement explaining that he wished to voluntarily withdraw his appeal. This matter was assigned to me on October 23, 2013. The record is now closed.

### **JURISDICTION**

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

# **ISSUE**

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

Employee has voluntarily withdrawn his Petition for Appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, I conclude that this matter is dismissed.

### **ORDER**

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq. Administrative Judge