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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)
AMITA SEN, Employee))
V.)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Agency)))

OEA Matter No. 1601-0148-11

Date of Issuance: August 29, 2013

STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq. Administrative Judge

Amita Sen, Employee *Pro-Se* Carl K. Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 26, 2011, 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 her from her position as a General Education Teacher due to receiving a minimally effective rating for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Employee's termination was effective August 12, 2011.

I was assigned this matter on March 29, 2013. On May 20, 2013, the undersigned issued an Order directing the parties to appear at a Prehearing Conference on June 4, 2013 ("June 4th Prehearing Conference"). Due to Employee's illness, the undersigned granted her request to continue the June 4th Prehearing Conference, which was rescheduled for August 20, 2013. Subsequently, on August 14, 2013, Employee filed a request to voluntarily withdraw her Petition for Appeal. 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 matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her Petition for Appeal.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

<u>ORDER</u>

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

STEPHANIE N. HARRIS, Esq. Administrative Judge