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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.: 1601-0099-12
	)
JAVONNA BAILEY,	)
Employee	) Date of Issuance: March 12, 2013
	)
<b>v</b> .	)
	)
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	) Sommer J. Murphy, Esq.
Agency.	) Administrative Judge
	)

Javonna Bailey, Employee, *Pro Se* Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative

### **INITIAL DECISION**

### **INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On May 17, 2012, Javonna Baily ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA" or the "Office") contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools' ("Agency") action of terminating her employment. The effective date of Employee's termination was June 1, 2012.

This matter was assigned to me for mediation in September of 2012. On September 13, 2012, I issued an order scheduling a settlement conference to be held on December 12, 2012. Agency appeared for the conference; however, Employee did not. I subsequently scheduled a telephonic Status Conference, to be held on January 28, 2013, for the purpose of determining Employee's desire to proceed with her appeal. Because Employee was not available for the telephonic conference, I subsequently issued an Order for Statement of Good Cause based on her failure to attend the settlement conference, in addition to her failure to be available for the status conference. On March 11, 2013, Employee submitted a written withdrawal of her 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 appeal should be dismissed.

# ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, this Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

## <u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby ORDERED that Employee's Petition for Appeal is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

SOMMER J. MURPHY, ESQ. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE