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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)
CARMEN ROBINSON Employee) OEA Matter No. 2401-0180-04
v) Date of Issuance: June 27, 2005
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS Agency) Muriel A. Aikens-Arnold) Administrative Judge)

Carmen Robinson, *Pro se*Harriet Segar, Esq., Office of the General Counsel

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 28, 2004, Employee, a Teacher, filed a Petition for Appeal from Agency's action to separate her from service effective June 30, 2004 as a result of a reduction-in-force due to Agency's serious financial challenges which required reduction of staffing levels. Agency was notified by this Office regarding this appeal on December 16, 2004 and directed to respond by January 21, 2005. Agency filed its response on January 21, 2005 as instructed.

This matter was assigned to this Judge on April 19, 2005. On June 2, 2005, an Order Convening a Prehearing Conference was issued scheduling said conference on June 28, 2005. On June 20, 2005, Employee contacted this Judge to advise that she wished to withdraw her appeal. Acordingly, the record is closed.

JURISDICTION

This Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this appeal may now be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

On June 22, 2005, Employee submitted a written statement voluntarily withdrawing her petition for appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, this Judge concludes that this matter may now be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that this matter is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

MURIEL A. AIKENS-ARNOLD, ESQ.

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Administrative Judge