



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 29, 2018



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance filed January 11, 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is in reference to concerns that were brought to the attention of DCPS on January 11, 2018 regarding your daughter [REDACTED]. Specifically,

- Request for a policy on check-point entry
- Difference in communication between Caucasian and African American parents by school administration
- Lack of response from [REDACTED] administration

In response, DCPS conducted an investigation which included speaking with you and other persons deemed relevant. Based on that investigation, the reported actions do not constitute a violation of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations or Federal civil rights laws, Title VI. However, your concerns are still valid and important to us. As such, in response, DCPS implemented the following actions:

1. Principa [REDACTED] sent communication to you via email or [REDACTED] to address your concerns.
2. DCPS partners with other agencies to ensure schools provide a physically safe environment for learning. Metal detectors are utilized during arrival procedures in which DCPS School Security Staff are to follow protocol to ensure there are no safety risks if metal detectors are triggered.
3. As of [REDACTED] clean mats have been placed at the entrance for students to stand on while at the metal detector for arrival procedures.
4. A phone conference was held with you and Assistant Principal [REDACTED]. As a result, chairs have been placed near metal detectors for students to sit on during arrival procedures.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of this investigation, you have the right to file an appeal within 10 calendar days of receipt of this letter. The appeal must be submitted in writing. Appeal requests may be submitted via U.S. Postal Mail to 1200 First St., 9th Floor; Attn: Resolution Grievance Division or via email at dcps.grievance@dc.gov. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office on Civil Rights (1-800-421-3481) to report any educational discrimination on the basis of race, sex, disability, etc.

If you have further questions or concerns about this letter or other issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at dcps.grievance@dc.gov or 202.442.5405. Thank you for taking steps to making DCPS a safe and welcoming environment.

Regards,

