



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 25, 2018

RE: Appellate Response (Level II)

Dear [REDACTED]

In accordance with Section 2405.4 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, this letter serves as DC Public Schools written response to the appeal you filed May 4, 2018 on behalf of [REDACTED] (student).

Your reasons for appeal are as follows:

- DCPS [REDACTED] provided zero transparency related to what questions would be asked during the interview;
- [REDACTED] was not modified to his specific level of functioning; and,
- DCPS does not have a comprehensive admission process to ensure individualized modifications and accommodations are provided to students with special needs and that are assessed at their individual level of functioning.

A review of all relevant information and consultation with appropriate school and central office personnel was completed by a Grievance Review Panel consisting of three central office staff members with requisite knowledge of your grievance filing. Accordingly, DCPS provides the following responses to each item in your appeal:

1. All students [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] or any [REDACTED] program are provided the same [REDACTED] procedures found on [REDACTED] website to ensure equal access for all [REDACTED] students.
2. Accommodations provided to [REDACTED] gave him equal access to the [REDACTED] process as compared to other [REDACTED] students. Modifying the [REDACTED] to meet [REDACTED] specific level of functioning would alter the admissions process, providing him an advantage over other [REDACTED] students.
3. DCPS will review the admissions process for all DCPS application schools and the application on MySchoolDC website as it pertains to accommodations provisions for students with disabilities to determine if a policy change is required and to ensure DCPS has a clear, comprehensive process for students who may require accommodations during the admissions process.

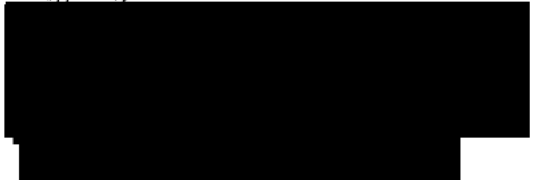
Our mission is to ensure safety and protect the rights of our students. As such, DC Public Schools (DCPS) does not tolerate the mistreatment of students in any form, including bullying, sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation. If you or any DCPS student encounters inappropriate treatment in the future, please report it immediately.

If you have further questions or concerns about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at [dcps.grievance@dc.gov](mailto:dcps.grievance@dc.gov) or at 202.442.5405. In accordance with the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, this is the final administrative decision of DCPS and concludes the appellate process. If you are not satisfied with

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the outcome of this investigation, you may contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil rights (1.202.453.6020), or District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights (202.727.4559) to report any educational discrimination.

Regards,



Office of the Chief Operating Officer