



VIA REGULAR MAIL

October 1, 2018



RE: Letter of Response for Report Filed

Dear [REDACTED],

This letter is in reference to concerns that were brought to the attention of DCPS on July 23, 2018 regarding your student, [REDACTED]. Specifically, [REDACTED] reported that while at [REDACTED], two male students used a carrot in a sexual manner and placed the carrot near her vaginal area. These allegations would constitute as a violation of District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and Federal Title IX Law of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence in a DC Public School.

In response, DCPS conducted an investigation which included speaking with you and other persons identified as witnesses and/or deemed relevant. Based on the findings of the investigation, DCPS has determined the following:

- It has been found that the incident that occurred on July 20, 2018 at [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and Student A and Student B constitute a violation of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and Title IX.

As a result, DCPS has or will implement the following measures:

1. Student A and Student B were dismissed from the summer school program at [REDACTED] as a result of their behavior.
2. [REDACTED] no longer has contact with Student A or Student B. They now attend different [REDACTED] schools.
3. DCPS offered to provide [REDACTED] with two (2) hours of counseling on September 26, 2018. However, you declined services, stating that counseling did not appear to be needed at this time. Should you decide that you would like [REDACTED] to receive services in the future, please contact Social Worker, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or contact the DCPS CARE Team at the number provided below.

DCPS does not tolerate the mistreatment of students in any form to include bullying, sexual harassment, or other forms of discrimination. Nor does DCPS tolerate retaliation for reporting behavior that could constitute mistreatment and such behavior should be reported immediately.

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., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor; Attn: Resolution Grievance Division or via email at [dcps.grievance@dc.gov](mailto: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.

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

Regards,

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