



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VIA REGULAR MAIL

November 13, 2018

[REDACTED]

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 October 11, 2018 regarding your student, [REDACTED]. Specifically, it was reported that on October 10, 2018 while at [REDACTED] Student A exposed his genitals to [REDACTED] while in the stairwell. It was also reported that on October 5, 2018 while at [REDACTED] spoke inappropriately to Student B and Student C and touched their private parts. These allegations, if true, would constitute as a violation of Title IV of the 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 which includes sexual harassment, and sexual violence.

In response to these allegations, 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 October 5, 2018 at [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] Student B, and Student C does not constitute a violation of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and Title IX. Based on the information gathered during the investigation, we cannot determine which student is responsible for touching Student B or who is responsible for using inappropriate language towards both Student B and Student C.
- It has been found that the incident that occurred on October 10, 2018 at [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and Student A does not constitute a violation of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and Title IX. We have determined that while Student A's behavior was inappropriate, it is not clear that the behavior was intended in a sexual manner.

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

1. [REDACTED] is currently in short term six-week group counseling with Social Worker, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
2. Per your request, staff at [REDACTED] will implement strategic seating in the general classroom and specials to distance [REDACTED] with the other student involved in the incident that occurred on October 5, 2018.

DCPS does not tolerate the mistreatment of students in the form of sex discrimination, harassment or other forms of sexual misconduct. Additionally, DCPS does not tolerate retaliation for reporting prohibited behavior. Retaliation 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., 9th Floor; Attn: Resolution Grievance Division or via email at dcps.care@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.care@dc.gov or 202.442.5405. Thank you for taking steps to making DCPS a safe and welcoming environment.

Regards,

