

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

BY EMAIL

November 14, 2019



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2520 filed on October 16, 2018

Dear

In accordance with Chapter 24 Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, this letter serves as DC Public Schools (DCPS) written response to concerns you brought to the attention of the DCPS Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity (CARE) team on October 16, 2018.

Grievance Issue(s):

Based on a review of the information provided, your written grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

- 1. 5-B DCMR 2405.2(e) Where a student is a victim of bullying or harassment, including sexual harassment.
  - a. You reported that a non-DCPS employee hired to work at sexually assaulted an underage student in the year 2014.

DCPS personnel have carefully reviewed all available information related to this incident, because this person is not a DCPS employee and you did not provide the name of the alleged female student, your claim cannot be substantiated.

As a result of this review, we have found that there is not enough information to conclude that there was a violation of the Federal Title IX Law of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Our mission is to ensure the safety and protect the rights of our students. As such, 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, please report it immediately.

As the complainant, if you are not satisfied with the outcome, you have the right to file an appeal. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received within 10 calendar days of receipt of this notice. Please submit appeal requests to the Office of Integrity via U.S. Postal Mail to 1200 First St., NE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor; Attn: Chief Integrity Officer or via email at dcps.cio@dc.gov. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (1-800-421-3481) to report any educational discrimination. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>dcps.care@dc.gov</u> or 202.442.5405.

Sincerely,

Anitra Allen-King, Director CARE

Cc: Principal Instructional Superintendent