



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL

November 7, 2019



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2541 filed on October 30, 2018

Dear [REDACTED],

In accordance with 24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, DC Public Schools (DCPS) Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity (CARE) team has completed its preliminary investigation of the above referenced grievance.

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

- **5-B DCMR 2405.2(e)** Where a student is a victim of bullying or harassment, including sexual harassment.
 - On October 30, 2018, it was reported that [REDACTED] allegedly makes sexual comments in class. It was also reported that an incident took place on October 25, 2018 in which [REDACTED] told students in his class to look under the table while he allegedly hit his private parts at [REDACTED].

The preliminary investigation included speaking with Teacher [REDACTED]. At the time of the incident, [REDACTED] was residing with his godmother [REDACTED] and the DCPS CARE team was able to speak with her about the matter. The DCPS CARE team made attempts to contact you for an interview but was unsuccessful. As a result of this review, we have found that the claim does not warrant further investigation based on the age of your student and their lack of understanding of the potential impact of the alleged described behavior. This matter is considered closed at this time.

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, 10th Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at dcps.cio@k12.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 dcps.care@dc.gov or 202.442.5405.

Sincerely,

Anitra Allen-King, Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent