



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL

July 1, 2020

[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2716 filed on January 4, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Grievance Issues

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

1. **24 DCMR 5-B, Section 2405.2(f):** Any other violation of a right granted by law that does not have a specific grievance procedure or hearing process provided in this title. You raise concerns regarding security procedures at [REDACTED] after an incident in [REDACTED] where a student brought a weapon into the school building.

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED]

The review also included review of the following documents which were either submitted by the complainant, submitted by the school, or accessible via DCPS data systems:

1. Incident Reporting Tool-DCPS database for incident reporting

General Findings of Fact

1. [REDACTED] Principa [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that all students enter through the back door of the school building where they must go through weapons abatement, including backpacks being placed in an x-ray machine and students walk through a metal detector.

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2. Principal [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that in [REDACTED], a student exited the building through a broken side door and came back through the broken door with a weapon.
  3. Principal [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that at the beginning of the [REDACTED] school year, a meeting was held with DCPS School Security and the Department of General Services to ensure all security apparatuses were functioning, including the reported broken door. Additionally, a grounds check is conducted twice per day to ensure weapons are not outside of the building.

### Discussion/Conclusion

As a result of this review, DCPS has found the following:

1. DCPS finds that 24 DCMR 5-B, Section 2405.2(f) is substantiated. It was reported to DCPS CARE that a student brought a weapon into the school building in [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] school security apparatuses and procedures were updated at the beginning of the [REDACTED] school year to ensure prevention of security breaches. Additionally, [REDACTED] has reported no further incidents involving students bringing weapons onto school grounds.

DCPS has taken the following actions as a result of these allegations:

1. Work Order [REDACTED] was submitted on [REDACTED] to have exit doors at [REDACTED] fixed.

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, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at [dcps.cio@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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@k12.dc.gov](mailto:dcps.care@k12.dc.gov) or 202.442.5405.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Principal  
Instructional Superintendent