

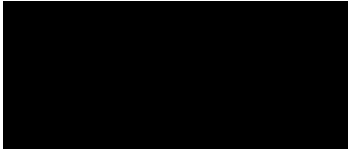


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

BY EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

July 17, 2019



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2841 filed on February 14, 2019

Dear

In accordance with Chapter 24 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 investigation of the above referenced grievance.

Grievance Issues

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

- **5-B DCMR 2405.2(f)** - Any other violation of a right granted by law that does not have a specific grievance procedure of hearing process provided in this title.
 - You alleged that the aftercare program, , violated DCPS' non-discrimination policy by removing from an enrichment class as a result of his behavior.

Investigative Procedure

The investigation included interviews with the following individuals:

1. Parent
2. Director of

General Findings of Fact

The following findings of fact resulted from the investigation:

1. You enrolled in the aftercare program at
2. During the first week of class, on was observed wandering around the classroom, ignoring requests to join other children, and would get on stage and throw hockey equipment at the instructor and other children. To ensure the safety of others, was removed from class.

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3. To assist with the behavioral concerns in the classroom, [REDACTED] added two additional instructors for extra behavior modification.
 4. Over the course of [REDACTED] time in the [REDACTED] program, [REDACTED] would continue to wander around, ignore redirection, distracting other students from the program, and going under tables would could cause injury.
 5. On [REDACTED] was again removed from class after going on stage in the classroom, which he was told was not allowed. [REDACTED] was seen running on the stage which is unsafe and would not get down when asked by the instructor. [REDACTED] had to be picked up and was removed from the classroom.
 6. In an email on [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] instructor, you stated that [REDACTED]
 7. On [REDACTED], you requested a cancellation via email from the [REDACTED] program.

Discussion/Conclusion

As a result of this review, we have determined the following:

- **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 405.2 is not substantiated.**
 - During [REDACTED] enrollment in the [REDACTED], he exhibited behavior that is unsafe for himself and other children in the aftercare program. [REDACTED] behavior also became distracting for other students. [REDACTED] would appropriately remove [REDACTED] from the classroom temporarily after attempts at redirecting his behavior failed. You ultimately decided to cancel [REDACTED] enrollment in the [REDACTED] program.

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, 11th Floor; Attn: CIO 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 dcps.care@dc.gov or 202.442.5405.

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Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent