



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL

May 20, 2020

[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2873 filed on February 27, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

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

We acknowledge that there has been a lapse in time since the filing of this grievance. Based on a review of the information provided, the written grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

1. **5-B DCMR 2405.2(c)**: Where it is alleged that any student or group of students is being subjected to an arbitrary or unreasonable regulation, procedure, or standard of conduct. You reported that your Student [REDACTED] attendance record was incorrect and that she had been inaccurately marked absent four days in a row.

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED] Grievant/Parent of Student [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] DCPS Attendance Specialist

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

1. Aspen—DCPS data maintenance system for attendance

General Findings of Fact

The following findings of fact resulted from the review:

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1. On [REDACTED] you reported to DCPS CARE that you received an absence notice before the [REDACTED] break indicating that Student [REDACTED] had missed four consecutive days of school but reported that Student [REDACTED] had been in school.
 2. On [REDACTED] Attendance Specialist [REDACTED] reviewed Student [REDACTED] attendance record from SY [REDACTED] and did not find four consecutive daily absences prior to [REDACTED] when this grievance was filed. Additionally, Attendance Specialist [REDACTED] did not find any clear discrepancies or concerns in Student [REDACTED] daily attendance record from SY [REDACTED]

Discussion/Conclusion

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

DCPS CARE finds that 5-B DCMR 2405.2(c) is not substantiated. DCPS CARE made multiple attempts to follow up with you regarding the specific dates of absences that you alleged were inaccurate but were unable to reach you. DCPS Attendance Specialist [REDACTED] reviewed Student [REDACTED]'s attendance record for SY [REDACTED] and could not find any evidence of four consecutive daily absences prior to the filing of this grievance.

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.

Sincerely,



Anitra Allen, Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent