



VIA EMAIL

May 15, 2020

[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3126 filed on April 25, 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 (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.
 - a. You reported that your son Student [REDACTED] was denied access to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Biology test.

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED], Grievant and Student [REDACTED] parent
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] Principal at [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED] School Counselor at [REDACTED]

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' student information/attendance database
2. DCPS Attendance and Truancy Policy

General Findings of Fact

The following findings of fact resulted from this review:

1. On [REDACTED] you reported to DCPS CARE that Student [REDACTED] was enrolled at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] evening program for Biology and should be testing.
2. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Counselor reported to DCPS CARE that Student [REDACTED] was enrolled at [REDACTED] during the day and in the evening took Biology at [REDACTED] however, Student [REDACTED] attendance was sporadic and subsequently he was withdrawn from the Biology course.
3. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that Student [REDACTED] was registered in Biology at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and withdrawn from the class [REDACTED]

Discussion/Conclusion

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

DCPS CARE is unable to substantiate **5-B DCMR 2405.2 (f)**. You alleged that Student [REDACTED] was enrolled in a Biology course and was denied access to PARCC testing. However, Student [REDACTED] was withdrawn from the Biology course due to his absences and was therefore not eligible to take the PARCC Biology test. Considering the current COVID-19 pandemic, PARCC testing for school year [REDACTED] has been cancelled. Further consideration on testing requirements and testing logistics is to be determined.

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 questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at dcps.care@k12.dc.gov or 202.442.5405. Thank you for contacting us.

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Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent