
General Finding of Fact

The following findings of fact resulted from the review:

1. You reported to DCPS CARE that Student B made threats regarding Student [REDACTED] via text message.
2. DCPS CARE obtained screenshots of messages between Student B and an unknown student. In the screenshots, Student B stated, [REDACTED] You reported and DCPS CARE confirmed that Student [REDACTED] resides on [REDACTED]
3. The screenshots show additional threats such as, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. There is an SBT infraction for Student B dated [REDACTED] for bullying, or using humiliating, or intimidating language or behavior including internet bullying.
5. You reported to DCPS CARE that there was a mediation on [REDACTED] but that issues with Student B continued to escalate and that there was another incident on [REDACTED] in which Student B's sister was taunting Student [REDACTED]
6. There is an SBT infraction for Student [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] for bullying, or using humiliating, or intimidating language or behavior including internet bullying. You reported to DCPS CARE that the school was not taking into consideration that Student [REDACTED] had reacted to being bullied.
7. Student [REDACTED] was withdrawn from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]
8. On [REDACTED] Dean of Students reported to DCPS CARE that the school attempted to have restorative circles [with Student [REDACTED] and Student B] which included the parents but that you decided not to participate. Additionally, [REDACTED] reported that there were no further issues between the students as the year moved forward.

Discussion/Conclusion

1. As it relates to the concern that Student [REDACTED] was bullied, DCPS CARE finds that 5-B DCMR 2405.2(e) is substantiated. You reported that Student B made threats against Student [REDACTED] DCPS CARE corroborated your allegations through text message screenshots that were obtained during the review. Following the text messages, disciplinary action was taken. Based on a preponderance of the evidence, it is more likely than not that Student B bullied Student [REDACTED] as defined by the DCPS Bullying Prevention Policy. DCPS CARE was unable to interview Student [REDACTED] or Student B.

[REDACTED] has taken the following actions as a result of these allegations:

1. Appropriate Chapter 25 disciplinary infractions were administered.
2. In [REDACTED] Student [REDACTED] and Student B participated in a restorative circle.

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,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Title]

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent