



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

March 31, 2020



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3374 filed on September 24, 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 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 Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2(a):** Where it is alleged that any student or group of students is being denied access to an adequate educational opportunity. You allege [REDACTED] School has not had a geometry teacher nor long-term substitute teacher for geometry since the beginning of the school year, which raises the concern that your student [REDACTED] will not learn the material in the class.

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED], Grievant/Parent of Student [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] School Principal

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: n/a

General Findings of Fact

1. On [REDACTED], you reported to DCPS CARE that other teachers at [REDACTED] School acted as substitutes for the geometry class.

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2. [REDACTED] School Principal [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that five certified math teachers served as substitutes for geometry classes. Furthermore, geometry classes have been broken down into small groups in order to be taught by a certified math teacher at [REDACTED] School.
 3. [REDACTED] School Principal [REDACTED] reports all geometry students receive 1:1 tutoring through an outside program for additional support.

Discussion/Conclusion

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

1. **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2 (a)** is not substantiated. While there is currently a mathematics teacher vacancy at [REDACTED] School, Principal [REDACTED] has reported students are receiving geometry instruction from a certified math teacher by breaking into small groups. As such, DCPS CARE finds that **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2 (a)** is not substantiated as Student [REDACTED] has not been denied access to an adequate educational opportunity.

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@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 or 202.442.5405.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent