



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

May 18, 2020



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3511 filed on November 20, 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(e):** Where a student is a victim of bullying or harassment, including sexual harassment. It was reported that on November 8, 2019, your student [REDACTED] was physically assaulted by Student B. You raise concerns that this incident has presented an ongoing safety concern for Student [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED], Parent of Student [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] Principal
3. [REDACTED] Dean

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:

1. [REDACTED] Incident Report for November 8, 2019 incident
2. Student Behavior Tracker-DCPS database for student discipline

General Findings of Fact

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1. On November 12, 2019, Student [REDACTED] reported to staff at [REDACTED] that on November 8, 2019 he was assaulted, and his jacket was taken by Student A while walking home from a soccer game.
 2. On November 12, 2019, [REDACTED] notified the Metropolitan Police Department of this incident.
 3. On November 26, 2019, the parent of Student [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE they were seeking to transfer Student [REDACTED] to a new school.

Discussion/Conclusion

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

1. DCPS CARE is unable to substantiate **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2(e)**. On November 12, 2019, Student [REDACTED] reported to staff at [REDACTED] that Student A told him [REDACTED] then chased him and pulled him by his backpack. Student [REDACTED] reported he was able to take off his backpack and jacket and continue running home. While the incident reported was unacceptable and harmful to Student [REDACTED], DCPS does not find that there is an ongoing safety concern for Student [REDACTED] at this time. DCPS CARE has not received additional reports of a similar nature since the reported incident took place. As such, DCPS CARE is unable to substantiate **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2(e)** as Student [REDACTED] no longer attends the same school as Student A and there have been no further reports indicating Student A has posed an ongoing threat to Student [REDACTED]

However, in order to support your student and ensure your concerns are addressed, DCPS has taken or will take the following actions:

1. Appropriate Chapter 25 disciplinary infractions were administered.
2. On November 27, 2019, Student [REDACTED] transferred to [REDACTED] per your request.

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 further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at dcps.care@k12.dc.gov or [202.442.5405](tel:202.442.5405).

Sincerely,



Anitra Allen, Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent

