



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL

May 21, 2020



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3608 filed on January 7, 2020

Dear [REDACTED]:

In accordance with 24 DCMR 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 preliminary investigation of the above referenced grievance.

Based on a review of the information provided, the grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

1. **5-B DCMR 2405.2(e):** Where a student is a victim of bullying or harassment, including sexual harassment.
 - a. It was reported by [REDACTED] that her mother's boyfriend touched her in a sexual manner.

The preliminary investigation included speaking with Assistant Principal D.D. and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detective D.L. Because of the specific allegation, this matter was referred to the DC Child and Family Services Agency. CARE was informed by MPD that the case was referred to the proper law enforcement agency for any further investigation. As a result of this review, we have found that the claim does not warrant further investigation from CARE. This matter is considered closed at this time.

Although there is no further investigation at this time, DCPS has taken the following steps to address the behavior:

1. Within the first two weeks of students' return to school, [REDACTED] will have access to a school social worker or psychologist for a check-in.

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.

Sincerely,

Anitra Allen, Director CARE

Cc: Principal

Instructional Superintendent