



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

April 2, 2020



RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3685 filed on February 12, 2020

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 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. **5-B-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.** You allege that on [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was injured by a coordinated attack by three other students in which Student [REDACTED] was told to jump in the air while one student kicked his legs, resulting in Student [REDACTED] landing on his elbow.

**Review Procedure**

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

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

The investigation 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. School Security Incident Report for [REDACTED] incident

**General Findings of Fact**

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1. On [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED], Student B, and Student C were walking in the hallway at [REDACTED]. Student B told Student [REDACTED] to jump. Student C then kicked Student [REDACTED]'s legs, causing Student [REDACTED] to fall.
  2. Student [REDACTED] sustained a physical injury as a result of Student B's and C's actions.
  3. Student B and Student C reported to [REDACTED] Assistant Principal [REDACTED] that they were playing a game.
  4. Student [REDACTED] reported he did not know about the game.

### Discussion/Conclusion

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

1. DCPS finds that **5-B-2405.2(f)** is not substantiated. While the incident on [REDACTED] was inappropriate and harmed Student [REDACTED], DCPS does not find that there is an ongoing safety concern for Student [REDACTED] at this time. Outside of the [REDACTED] incident, Student B and Student C have not displayed behaviors directed toward Student [REDACTED]. There is no evidence to suggest Student B or Student C have malicious intent to harm Student [REDACTED]. As such, DCPS finds that Student [REDACTED]'s safety is not at risk at this time.

However, in order to support your student and ensure that your concerns are addressed, [REDACTED] has taken the following action:

1. On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] administered a Chapter 25 disciplinary infraction for Student B and Student C.
2. On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Assistant Principal [REDACTED] met with Student B and Student C and discussed the dangers surrounding trying the game.

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, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at [dcps.cio@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:dcps.care@k12.dc.gov) or (202) 442-5405.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Director CARE

CC: Principal  
Instructional Superintendent