

Parent of Student B did not consent to DCPS CARE interviewing Student B.

The review included the following documents which were submitted by the complainant, submitted by the school, or accessible via DCPS data systems:

1. Email update from Principal [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]

General Findings of Fact

The following findings of fact resulted from the review:

1. Student [REDACTED] and Student B were [REDACTED] students enrolled in [REDACTED] during the [REDACTED] school year.
2. On [REDACTED], Parent of Student [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that she had withdrawn Student [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] because Student [REDACTED] was being bullied and was worried for Student [REDACTED] safety.
3. On [REDACTED], Parent of Student [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that Student [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] since the beginning of the school year.
4. On [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that they were hit with a shirt, pushed, knocked down, and punched in the nose by Student B. Student [REDACTED] further reported that Student B took their hat. Student [REDACTED] said that these incidents took place in the bathroom, hallway, and homeroom classroom on different days at [REDACTED]. Student [REDACTED] said that a teacher addressed the incident in the hallway, but Student [REDACTED] did not remember the name of the teacher or the dates of the incidents. Student [REDACTED] reported that Student B's presence at [REDACTED] made Student [REDACTED] feel unsafe.
5. On [REDACTED] Parent of Student B told DCPS CARE that Student B may have gotten into a fight with Student [REDACTED] to please a certain [REDACTED] student. Parent of Student B also said that they are fearful for Student B's safety because the parents of Student [REDACTED] were trying to locate Student B.
6. Parent of Student B did not consent to DCPS CARE interviewing Student B.

Discussion

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

DCPS is unable to substantiate **5-B DCMR 2405.2 (e)**. It is alleged that Student B bullied Student [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Student [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that they were hit with a shirt, pushed, knocked down, punched in the nose, and took their hat. Parent of Student B did not consent to DCPS CARE interviewing Student B. Given the uncertainty surrounding the time and dates of the incidents, it was not possible to secure video footage or witnesses. Due to conflicting reports, without speaking with witnesses, viewing video footage or speaking with Student B, it is not possible to verify these allegations. Based on the information obtained, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that Student B's behavior as it related to Student [REDACTED] was sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive to constitute a violation of DCPS policy.

To address the concerns raised by Parent of Student [REDACTED] took the following actions:

1. In [REDACTED] attempted to coordinate a meeting between Parent of Student [REDACTED] and Dean of Students Bully Liaison [REDACTED] but Parent of Student [REDACTED] did not attend.
2. Student B and Student [REDACTED] do not currently attend the same school.

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 Chief Integrity Officer (CIO) 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