



VIA EMAIL

April 30, 2021

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #6887 filed on April 20, 2021

Dear [REDACTED]:

In accordance with Chapter 25 Subtitle B Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity (CARE) team has completed its review of the above-captioned grievance.

Grievance Issues

Based on a review of the information provided, the grievance raised the following issues under the applicable provisions of the DCPS Grievance Procedure:

1. 5-B DCMR 2405.2(d) Where it is alleged that any student is being denied participation in any activity for which the student is eligible.
 - a. You alleged that [REDACTED] is not allowing Student [REDACTED] to attend in-person learning because she has not been vaccinated. Additionally, you alleged that [REDACTED] is not accepting the Religious Immunization Exemption Certificate you submitted.

Review Procedure

The review included collecting information from and/or interviewing the following individuals:

1. [REDACTED], Parent of Student [REDACTED] /Grievant
2. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Business Manager
3. [REDACTED], DCPS Student Health Services Specialist

The review also included the following which were either submitted by the complainant, submitted by [REDACTED], or submitted by [REDACTED]:

Immunization Policy for In-Person Attendance School Year [REDACTED]

Pertinent Regulatory, Policy, and Procedural Considerations

As it relates to immunization requirements, the following applies:

1. According to the Immunization Policy for Person Attendance School Y(,
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has a valid certification of immunization documenting that the student has been successfully
immunized in accordance with DC Health immunization requirements or the student is
exempt for medical or religious purposes (DC Official Code § 3810.01.01)

2. According to the Immunization Policy for Person Attendance School Y(,
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3. According to the Immunization Policy for Person Attendance School Y(,
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Health Religious Immunization Exemption Certificate which may only be obtained directly
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As it relates to Student being denied in-person learning, the following applies:

1. The Immunization Policy for Person Attendance School Y(outlines that
students may not be permitted to attend in-person learning without the school receiving a
valid certification of immunization or exemption.
2. The Immunization Policy for Person Attendance School Y(outlines that
religious exemptions shall be obtained directly from DC Health.

Findings of Fact

Below are the findings of fact related to Student being denied in-person learning:

1. Student enrolled in on . When you enrolled the student,
you provided the school with a Religious Immunization Exemption Certificate dated .
2. On ,

The DCPS CARE review resulted in the following conclusions:

1. As it relates to Student being denied in-person learning, DCPS CARE finds that DCMR 2405.2(d) is not substantiated. [redacted] followed policy and informed you that Student could not attend in-person learning due to you submitting the incorrect immunization exemption form, thus making her ineligible.