

June 24, 2019

Mayor Bowser
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser,

On behalf of our residents, we're seeking your assistance in obtaining information on how sexual abuse, assault, and harassment allegations are addressed in DC public, charter and private schools. We've seen numerous news reports over the past year highlighting allegations of sexual abuse of minors, sexual assault, and sexual harassment within our education institutions, but we've learned little about how these criminal allegations are resolved.

Please let us know the full set of laws, regulations, and/or policies related to prevention, detection, reporting, investigation, and punishment of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in schools. Additionally, please let us know if these standards are applied to all schools or if they vary depending on whether the school is public, charter or private.

Additionally, we request the number of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment allegations brought against public, private, and charter school employees, contracted workers, and anyone else providing services in schools in DC in the past 5 years. We'd also like to learn who receives these allegations within the DC government, who investigates, and what guidelines or requirements they are given regarding a timeline and procedures for investigating allegations; who notifies the police of these allegations; how these allegations are tracked; and how the public can obtain information about each allegation.

Next, please describe what your Administration is doing to address failures in processes designed to protect our students, such as what we've seen recently with OSSE licensing childcare providers without evidence of properly conducted background checks. Please let us know who is responsible for investigating failures in processes, as well as whether there are consequences for employees, such as being fired for failing to conduct proper oversight over contracts. Finally, we request that you provide information as to whether any DC Government employee has been fired for failing to ensure compliance with DC

laws, regulations, and policies related to investigating criminal allegations of a sexual nature.

We appreciate your prompt attention to these requests related to issues of sexual abuse, assault and harassment in our schools. We request a response to these requests by July 15, 2019. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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