GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



April 12, 2017

Nyasha Smith Secretary to the Council 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Ground Level, Room 5 Washington D.C. 20004

Re: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT - SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATION

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is to inform you that the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an administrative investigation into misconduct by the former Chancellor, D.C. Public Schools.

The OIG investigation revealed that Kaya Henderson, then-Chancellor of DCPS, from April 2015 to August 2015, failed to act impartially and gave preferential treatment to certain District government officials and members of the public when granting discretionary out-of-boundary school transfers, outside the My School DC lottery requirements, to wit: 5E DCMR § 2106.6, in violation of DPM § 1800.3 (h).

The OIG referred this investigation and corresponding recommendation to the Mayor for action deemed appropriate on February 10, 2017. On April 11, 2016, according to the Mayor's representative, the Deputy Mayor for Education has advised the current Chancellor on the use of his statutory authority, stating it is very limited, and must be used in an impartial manner, taking care not to show favoritism.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Bernadette Todd, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2016-1571.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Lucas Inspector General

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