

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



**IN RE: [REDACTED] Johnson,
Respondent**

CASE No. 18-0008-F

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE BOARD at the request of the Director of Government Ethics that the formal investigation #18-0008-F initiated against Respondent herein be dismissed; and

IT APPEARING that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.13(a)(3), a formal investigation was initiated against Respondent, based on a April 27, 2018 plea before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, criminal case #17-cr-171-RC, wherein the Respondent entered a guilty plea related to playing a role in a scheme to fraudulently bill the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) more than \$200,000 for services that were falsely claimed to have been provided to students with special needs.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that Respondent was a Compliance Case Manager and later a Resolution and Compliance Manager with DCPS. The Office of Special Education (OSE) operated within the DCPS and is tasked with providing high quality inclusion and special education services as well as to improve academic outcomes for students with disabilities. OSE managed and oversaw the DCPS Compensatory Education (Comp Ed) Program. The Comp Ed

program awarded services to assist with their educational needs and development. Once DCPS deemed it appropriate for a student to receive Comp Ed services, it was notified via letter to the student's parent or guardian specifying the Comp Ed services awarded to the child. Compliance Case Managers were responsible for ensuring the parents of DCPS students entitled to the services were aware of their award and how to obtain the services. Compliance Case Managers prepared, signed and issued these Comp Ed letters as part of their responsibility.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Respondent pled guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a one (1) count charge of Mail Fraud and two (2) counts of Identity Theft before Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 14, 2018. Mr. Isaiah Johnson of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) pled guilty to playing a role in a scheme to fraudulently bill DCPS more than \$200,000 for services that were falsely claimed to have been provided to students with special needs.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that on September 14, 2018, Judge Rudolph Contreras of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia sentenced the Respondent to 52 consecutive weekends of intermittent confinement, 60 months' probation, Restitution in the amount of \$217,366.25, \$200.00 assessment, local monitoring to 270 days, and 100 hours of community service.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, after investigation, the Director has recommended that the Board dismiss this formal investigation for the following reasons:

1. Respondent has been punished for his conduct and the District theoretically will be made whole through the order of restitution;
2. The interests of judicial economy would be best served by dismissing this matter without prejudice, thereby allowing resources to be focused on other investigations;

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3. The Director may reopen this investigation and pursue action against Respondent within the applicable limitations period, if she determines that there is reason to do so.

ORDERED that, the formal investigation initiated against Respondent be, and hereby is, DISMISSED without prejudice; and it is further ORDERED that this case be CLOSED.



Norma B. Hutcheson
Chairperson, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

12/5/2019
Date