

**Recent Sexual Misconduct Matters Involving Schools
As of June 16, 2019**

Public Schools in DC have many executive branch agencies overseeing, implementing and enforcing policy and law related to the safety of our students including: Office of the State Superintendent; each individual school district including each public charter district and DC Public Schools district; DC Public Charter School Board; Metropolitan Police Department; and overseeing all of them is the Office of the Mayor. The DC Council has oversight, legislative and budget roles. Yet we do not have the system working effectively to best protect our children from sexual misconduct. High profiles cases are listed below. Current and accurate data on the overall incidents of sexual misconduct in schools is unavailable. It is clear that even with the new law, the School Safety Act, we are not doing enough to protect our children. Enforcement, oversight and potential improvement of all safety-related laws, policies and procedures must become a priority in order to ensure the strongest level of protections for our children.

<u>Other Related</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>School and Sexual Misconduct Information</u>
	November 2014	Dunbar High School – Arrest https://wjla.com/news/local/former-dunbar-high-employee-charged-with-sexually-abusing-student-109232
	June 2015	Oyster Adams – Arrest
	July 2015	Meridian PCS – Arrest https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Former-DC-Teacher-Gets-11-Years-in-Prison-for-Sexually-Abusing-Students-498061051.html
<i>Lewis Ferebee, Superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools, Allegation and 3 Civil Suits re: mishandling of sexual misconduct case (believed to be still pending)</i> https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/nominee-to-run-dc-schools-faces-scrutiny-over-handling-of-sexual-abuse-case/2018/12/21/a942a076-ffb8-11e8-83c0-b06139e540e5_story.html?utm_term=.c23ef37ab872	February 2016	
	April 2016	KIPP DC Key Academy – Arrest https://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/Former-DC-Charter-School-Teacher-Sentenced-to-3-Years-in-Prison-for-Sexual-Abuse-of-14-Year-Old-Student-471344934.html
	February 2017	LAMB PCS – Arrest http://www.capitalcommunitynews.com/content/weekend-crime-lamb-pcs-teacher-arrested-sex-abuse
	November 2017	Capital City PCS – investigated for not reporting sexual misconduct https://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/DC-Police-Attorney-General-Investigate-Public-Charter-School-for-Not-Reporting-Teachers-Suspected-Sex-Offense-456231433.html
	May 2018	Chavez PCS – Arrest https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/employee-at-a-dc-public-charter-school-charged-with-sex-crimes/2018/05/17/e06129dc-59dd-11e8-b656-a5f8c2a9295d_story.html?utm_term=.a604ef3c4f14
	May 2018	Achievement Prep Academy PCS – Teacher sexually assaulted (<i>teacher was then placed on administrative leave</i>) https://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/caught-on-tape-teacher-sexually-assaulted-inside-dc-charter-school
	September 2018	Roosevelt High School Principal on leave for mocking student sexual assault claim https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/principal-placed-on-leave-after-being-taped-mocking-students-sex-assault-claim/2018/09/27/303a69f4-c27b-11e8-a1f0-a4051b6ad114_story.html?utm_term=.097e5fcb12c8
	October 2018	Anacostia High School – Arrest https://wtop.com/dc/2018/10/anacostia-high-school-security-guard-arrested-for-having-sex-with-a-minor-while-on-duty/
	October 2018	Duke Ellington School of the Arts -Allegation https://www.thehoya.com/duke-ellington-school-arts-teacher-leave-sexual-assault-allegations/

	October 2018	Shepherd Elementary School – Arrest https://www.thehoya.com/duke-ellington-school-arts-teacher-leave-sexual-assault-allegations/
Mayor Bowser Nominates Lewis Ferebee For DCPS Chancellor	December 2018	
	School Year 2018-2019	Monument Academy PCS – 40 Allegations of sexual misconduct and 4 sexual assault reports https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/leadership-of-troubled-dc-public-boarding-school-votes-to-close-facility-at-end-of-academic-year/2019/06/05/c98a42aa-86f2-11e9-a870-b9c411dc4312_story.html?utm_term=.bcc4a106ce20
Lewis Ferebee Confirmed as DCPS Chancellor	March 2019	
New DC Council Law in Effect: School Safety Act See Committee Report http://lms.dccouncil.us/Download/40929/B22-0951-CommitteeReport1.pdf . More sexual misconduct experiences cited. In addition, testimony that implementation would be a challenge from the Committee Report: <i>“Dominic Ju, public witness, testified in support of B22-0951, the ‘School Safety Act of 2018.’ but cautioned he didn’t believe D.C. Public Schools has the ability to properly implement it.”</i> From Dominic Ju testimony: 1- <i>“At Shepherd Elementary School alone in the last six months, we have had to endure two (2) violent incidents. The first, a Kindergarten teacher’s aide threatened another teacher with the threat of gun violence. There is a public MPD police report and record of the incident It took the parents over nearly two (2) months to even get some type of answers from DCPS about this incident and the impact to the students.”</i> 2- <i>“The second incident and DCPS’s response is even more striking. • Montgomery Police informed DCPS General Counsel on the morning of Wednesday 10 October 2018 of our music teacher Rudy Gonzalez’s arrest and ALL specific rape charges (4x violent felony accounts). • At 8pm on 10 October 2018, Shepherd Elementary Principal sends out an email notifying parents that the music teacher will be “out of the building” in a vaguely worded email to parents. No mention of an arrest or rape allegations. • The victim needed to have reconstructive genital surgery as a result of this trauma. 1 • DCPS repeatedly told parents that they did not know of the arrest and/or specific charges until Tuesday 17 October at the earliest • WJLV became aware of the arrest/charges because of a confidential internal source leaked the arrest/charges on 15 October 2018. • On Tuesday 16 October 2018, ABC7 contacted DCPS by email with a list of eight questions pertaining to Gonzalez’s tenure, and the criminal charges lodged against him. • In the afternoon of Tuesday 16 October 2018, Shepherd Elementary Principal Jade Brawley issued a moderately more detailed email to parents on the afternoon of Oct. 16. Yet, as in her first email, there was no mention of the charges or allegations, only that “DCPS received a report from a neighboring jurisdiction of the investigation into an alleged incident involving a Shepherd Elementary faculty member.” • I googled DCPS Gonzalez and find the WJIA investigative reporting posted on their website. Also, in the google search results were the Montgomery Country public arrest record on their portal that details the arrest and charges. • DCPS did not inform parents of any arrest and/or charges until AFTER the ABC7/WJLA broke on Wednesday 17 October 2018. • On Thursday 18 October. DCPS continued to lie stating they did not know of Gonzalez’s actual charges until Wednesday 17 October 2018. • DCPS also told parents and the PTA President on Thursday 18 October that all communications are vetted and controlled by the DCPS Office of General Counsel. • The entire timeline is here: https://wjla.com/news/local/pta-meeting-about-dcps-rape-teacher.”</i>		
See separate breakdown of timeline on CHML/Springboard incident. Very similar story/pattern to Shepherd Elementary with regard to failure to communicate and lack of transparency with school community.	June 2019	Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan Springboard program – 1 Arrest, 1 Allegation https://wamu.org/story/19/06/11/misconduct-allegation-concern-over-background-checks-lead-multiple-d-c-schools-to-suspend-after-school-program-provider/ http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/sexual-abuse-incident-at-dc-school-reveals-issues-with-background-checks https://www.nbcwashington.com/on-air/as-seen-on/After-School-Contract-Employee-Charged-With-Child-Sex-Abuse-Washington-DC-511266662.html?akmobile=o&appVideoHub=y