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**From:** Melanie Asmar <masmar@chalkbeat.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Denver and DPS Respond to Student Art Displayed at Public Building

Thanks! And please let me know when the meeting is rescheduled.

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 9:20 AM, Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office <[Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org](mailto:Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org)> wrote:

You got it!



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**Cc:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director <[Amber.Miller@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Miller@denvergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Denver and DPS Respond to Student Art Displayed at Public Building

Also, could you add me to your media distribution list? Thanks!

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 9:00 AM, Melanie Asmar <[masmar@chalkbeat.org](mailto:masmar@chalkbeat.org)> wrote:

Thank you, Jenna! Hope you stay warm today!

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 8:59 AM, Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office <[Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org](mailto:Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org)> wrote:

Hi Melanie,

The release is below and I sent out a note this morning informing everyone that due to the weather, the meeting with the Mayor and student has been postponed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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**From:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2016 9:55 AM  
**To:** Jesse Paul; Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with student who created controversial painting

Looping in Jenna, again, who can help.

Amber Miller, Communications Director  
Office of Mayor Michael B. Hancock

On Mar 25, 2016, at 9:46 AM, Jesse Paul <[jpaul@denverpost.com](mailto:jpaul@denverpost.com)> wrote:

Can you send a copy to me? For some reason we are not finding it.

Thanks!

On Fri, Mar 25, 2016 at 9:33 AM, Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director <[Amber.Miller@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Miller@denvergov.org)> wrote:

We sent your newsroom the details already... The Superintendent, Police Chief and Mayor will make themselves avail to media after the meeting at the school. It's at Kunsmiller around 11a. Meeting is at 1030.

Amber Miller, Communications Director  
Office of Mayor Michael B. Hancock

On Mar 25, 2016, at 9:30 AM, Jesse Paul <[jpaul@denverpost.com](mailto:jpaul@denverpost.com)> wrote:

Amber,

I left you a voicemail with this request.

Hoping you can chat about this meeting with the Mayor and police chief? Is it on for today? Will the mayor be open to speaking about the meeting afterward?

Thanks,

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**From:** Mitchell, Nancy <NANCY\_MITCHELL@dpsk12.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office; Garcia, Melissa K  
**Cc:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Subject:** RE: Media Question

Hi Melissa and thanks Jenna! Please see information on the process below. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

### **About the Process for the Citywide Art Exhibition:**

- Each year, following the citywide art exhibitions, city and school district staff debrief these signature celebrations. This year, part of our discussion will be focused on the selection process for pieces that are displayed in public buildings across the city. DPS and the City have partnered on these celebrations since 2009 and look forward to continued celebrations of student artistic expression in the years to come.
- More information about the process:
  - DPS has partnered with Denver Arts and Venues on the citywide arts exhibitions since 2009. Arts and Venues secures space for DPS to display student artwork. This particular exhibit containing 40 pieces of art went on display March 14.
  - DPS handles all aspects of the exhibit, from the submissions process to the approval of selected works to the physical hanging and removal of the exhibit pieces. At the high school level, a two-member jury of community arts representatives assists in the selection process. City officials do not review the pieces at any time prior to exhibit.
  - Depictions of weapons are generally prohibited. In this instance, since this was the only piece of art submitted by this teacher, and since the piece was relevant to current events and important topics for students and our society, DPS approved inclusion of this piece.

### **Nancy Mitchell**

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**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2016 1:01 PM  
**To:** Garcia, Melissa K; Mitchell, Nancy  
**Cc:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Subject:** RE: Media Question

Hi Melissa,

The exhibit was that of DPS. I think Nancy (copied here) can help with this question. Let me know if you need further information.



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Communications Director <[Amber.Miller@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Miller@denvergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Media Question

Hello Amber and Jenna,

I have a follow-up question from today's press conference.

Who was responsible for choosing to display that piece of artwork? Is all artwork displayed without prejudice?

Thanks for your help.



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**From:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 3:38 PM  
**Cc:** nancy\_mitchell@dpsk12.org  
**Subject:** MEETING RESCHEDULED: Denver and DPS Respond to Student Art Displayed at Public Building

Good Afternoon,

The meeting between Mayor Michael Hancock, Chief of Police Robert White and Acting Superintendent Susana Cordova has been rescheduled for Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The private meeting will be held at Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy and will be followed by a brief media availability at 11 a.m. While the Mayor, Police Chief and Acting Superintendent will be available for media inquiries, the student has requested to not be interviewed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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**From:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 8:41 AM  
**To:** Gomez, Reuben - DPD, Mayor's Office; Smolka, Kevin - DPD; Delmonico, Dan - DPD; Taylor, Henry - DPD; Campbell, Joe - DPD; Hill, Cynthia - DPD; Gatling, Malik - DPD; #MO - Mayoral Appointees  
**Subject:** WEEKLY SUMMARY

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday, March 29**

Mayor Hancock will host the weekly Mayor-Council meeting.

Mayor Hancock will receive an update regarding DIA.

Mayor Hancock will speak at the United Way Worldwide 211 Summit.

Mayor Hancock will speak at the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame exhibit opening.

#### **Wednesday, March 30**

Mayor Hancock will speak at the Office of Economic Development protégé event.

Mayor Hancock will meet with the Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

Mayor Hancock will receive an update regarding:

- Finance
- Economic development and major projects

#### **Thursday, March 31**

Mayor Hancock will honor recent retirees and long serving employees at the monthly PIN/Retirement ceremony.

Mayor Hancock will speak at American Real Estate Society luncheon.

Mayor Hancock will receive an update regarding the NDCC.

Mayor Hancock will take part in his monthly Neighborhood Tour.

Mayor Hancock will speak at the Boys & Girls Club gala.

#### **Friday, April 1**

n/a

#### **Saturday, April 2**

Mayor Hancock, staff, and agency and department directors will attend the quarterly Cabinet in the Community meeting.

Mayor Hancock will attend the Denver Health Gala.

### **THIS WEEK AT CITY COUNCIL**

#### Week of March 28, 2016 Meeting Schedule and Agendas

- Mayor-Council Meeting
- Business Development Committee
- **Safety & Well-being Committee (agenda not yet posted)**
- Neighborhoods and Planning Committee
- **Special Meeting: Neighborhoods and Planning Committee**
- **Special Meeting: Sidewalk Working Group (no agenda posted)**

### **LAST WEEK**

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That Friday, Mayor Hancock, Police Chief Robert White and acting Superintendent Susana Cordova met with the student at their school to discuss her work. While this was a teachable moment for all of us there is an opportunity here, too, to listen and learn from each other and to encourage our students to engage in difficult conversations. We must continue to celebrate the artistic expression of our young people while also being mindful of what is on display in our public spaces.

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**From:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 6:09 AM  
**Subject:** Clips 3.23.16

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[Student art piece — cop in a KKK hood — prompts Denver meeting – Denver Post](#)

[Community members raise concerns about student art project on display at Webb Building in Denver – FOX31](#)

[KKK artwork in Denver's Wellington Webb Municipal Office Building comes under fire – Channel 7](#)

[Denver to spend \\$1.3M to launch National Western Center project – Denver Post](#)

[Colorado police union blasts Denver public safety managers – Denver Post](#)

[Colorado police union calls out Denver city leadership in scathing letter – Channel 7](#)

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[Metro Denver tenants among least likely to renew their lease – Denver Post](#)

[Apartment complex to be built near RTD's DIA line – Denver Business Journal](#)

[While Denverites Speak Out Against I-70 Widening, Hickenlooper Stays Silent - Streetsblog](#)

[Denver's historic Bosler House sold – Denver Post](#)

[Landmark Bosler House is Sold \\$375K – North Denver Tribune](#)

[Bosler House's New Owners to Restore Abused, Neglected Denver Landmark - Westword](#)

[Bosler House sold - Denver Real Estate Watch](#)

[Denver is a top spring break destination? – Denver Business Journal](#)

[BuildMark bringing condos to Lowry – Denver Real Estate Watch](#)

[Jars of oil, spices in bags prompt DIA evacuations – 9NEWS](#)

[DIA reopens section of terminal after police clear suspicious items, find no threat – FOX31](#)

[Best United airport lounge? One's at DIA – Denver Business Journal](#)

[Delta adding lounge at DIA - BusinessDen](#)

[Denver traffic improves just a tad, says new study – Denver Business Journal](#)

[DEA, police sweep Denver area as part of long-term meth, cocaine trafficking probe – Denver Post](#)

[Denver and Aurora achievement gaps among nation's widest, index finds – Chalkbeat](#)

[Arts with Purpose: Catalyzing Civic Engagement in Denver - Confluence Denver](#)

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[Glendale high-rise talk is over the top – Denver Post Editorial](#)

[VA: No new punishments for Aurora construction failure – Denver Post](#)

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[Appeals court says Colorado sheriffs can't sue governor over gun laws – Denver Post](#)

[White House: West faces water trouble with climate change – Denver Post](#)

[Colorado congressman in Cuba with Obama hopes for trade ties – 9NEWS](#)

[Adams County ends oil-and-gas permit moratorium – Denver Business Journal](#)

[Bid to cap school board campaign contributions fails; bill requiring more transparency advances – Chalkbeat](#)



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**Cc:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** RE: response email to artwork emails

Small edit. Thank you Mike. Tess, can you respond?

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**From:** Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 12:57 PM  
**To:** Trewin, Tess - Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director; Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** response email to artwork emails

Thank you for your email regarding the DPS student artwork that was on display in a city building. Denver and DPS are sensitive to all concerns in this situation. We absolutely value the voices of our young artists, which is why we display their work every year. We also greatly respect the impact this art has had on our officers who serve and protect Denver and others in the community. After learning of the negative impact of the work, the student asked that it be taken down, and the city honored that request.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 5:14 PM  
**To:** Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director  
**Subject:** FW: This picture is on display in the webb building

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**From:** Martinez, Scott - City Attorney Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:36 PM  
**To:** Stuart, Skye - Mayor's Office <Skye.Stuart@denvergov.org>; Sinden, Janice - Mayor's Office <Janice.Sinden@denvergov.org>; Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org>; May, Penny L. - General Services Administratn <Penny.May@denvergov.org>  
**Subject:** RE: This picture is on display in the webb building

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**To:** Stuart, Skye - Mayor's Office <Skye.Stuart@denvergov.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: This picture is on display in the webb building

Skye, some officers observed this painting at the Webb building today and were very offended by it. You may know about it but I thought I'd give you a heads-up.

Tony

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Michael Hesse < [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** March 22, 2016 at 1:01:37 PM MDT  
**To:** Tony Lombard < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Fwd: This picture is on display in the webb building

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

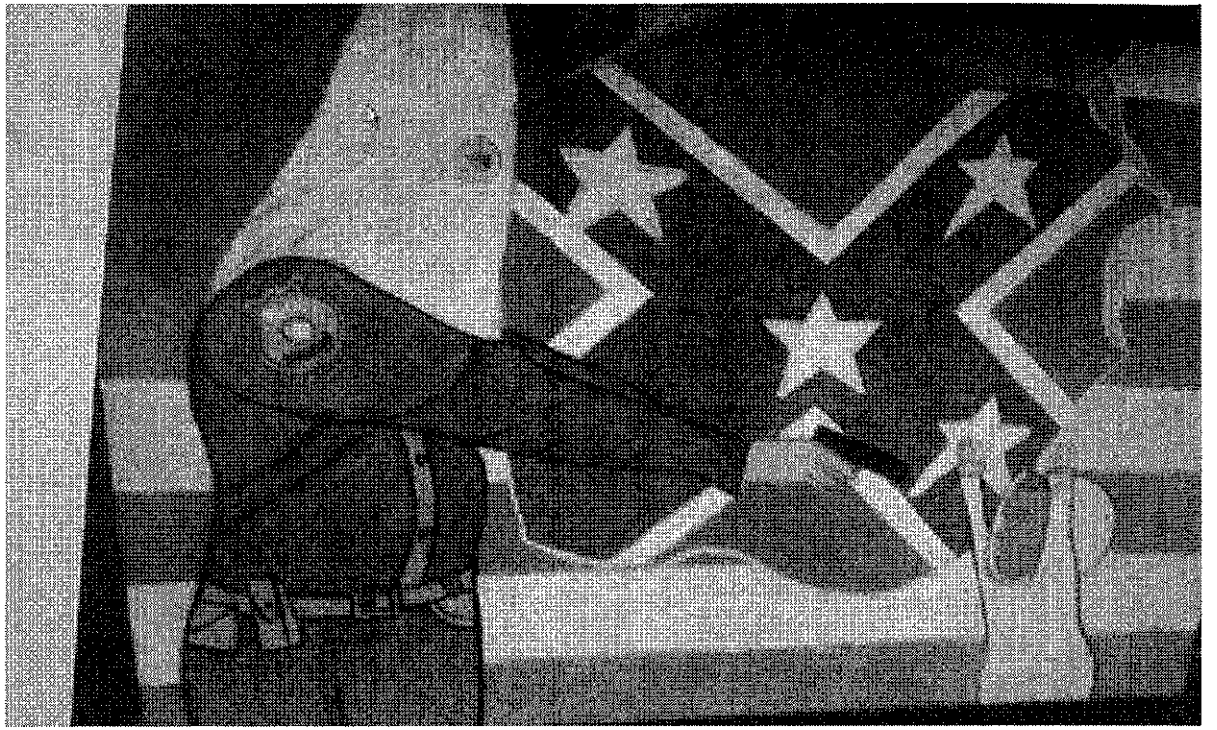
**From:** Michael Hesse < [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** March 22, 2016 at 12:47:13 PM MDT  
**To:** [REDACTED], Michael Hesse < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** This picture is on display in the webb building

We are very concerned about this

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nick Rogers < [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** March 22, 2016 at 12:41:12 PM MDT  
**To:** Michael Hesse < [REDACTED] >, Tony Lombard  
< [REDACTED] >





## Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director

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**From:** Mitchell, Nancy <NANCY\_MITCHELL@dpsk12.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 12:51 PM  
**To:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director; Jones, Will; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office; Jackson, Sonny A. - Police Department - CSA  
**Cc:** Lee-Ashley, Will; Albright, John  
**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

10:30 Friday works best for Susana. Please let us know if that works for Chief White and we'll reach out to the family.

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**From:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office [Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 12:18 PM  
**To:** Mitchell, Nancy; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director; Jones, Will; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office; Jackson, Sonny A. - Police Department - CSA  
**Cc:** Lee-Ashley, Will; Albright, John  
**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

If we were to do Friday, here are the times the Mayor has available:

9:00 – 10:00  
10:30 – 11:00  
1:00 – 1:30pm

I am also looping in Sonny Jackson to help determine the Chief White's availability.



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**From:** Mitchell, Nancy [mailto:NANCY\_MITCHELL@dpsk12.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:42 AM  
**To:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office <Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org>; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director <Amber.Miller@denvergov.org>; Jones, Will <WILL\_JONES@dpsk12.org>; Strott, Mike -

Mayor's Office <Mike.Strott@denvergov.org>

**Cc:** Lee-Ashley, Will <WILL\_LEE-ASHLEY@dpsk12.org>; Albright, John <JOHN\_ALBRIGHT@dpsk12.org>

**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

Hi all - The afternoon slot works better for us. However, I do want to flag that we may not have school tomorrow, given the weather, so I am wondering about pushing out until Friday, so we don't go through this again. Would that work for the mayor? We will not make a weather call until 6 p.m. tonight, at the earliest, or by 4 a.m. tomorrow, at the latest.

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**From:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office [[Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org](mailto:Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:20 AM

**To:** Mitchell, Nancy; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director; Jones, Will; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office

**Cc:** Lee-Ashley, Will; Albright, John

**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

Hi Nancy,

Thank you again for all your help in coordination on this issue. Here are a few times that work for the Mayor to meet with the student tomorrow. Are you able to make one of these time slots work on your end? (We might not need the full 45 minutes but I'm just trying to block out as much time as possible to account for media avails, etc.

10:00am -10:45am

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Please let me know at your convenience. Thanks!



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**From:** Mitchell, Nancy [[mailto:NANCY\\_MITCHELL@dpsk12.org](mailto:NANCY_MITCHELL@dpsk12.org)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 6:52 AM

**To:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office <[Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org](mailto:Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org)>; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director <[Amber.Miller@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Miller@denvergov.org)>; Jones, Will <[WILL\\_JONES@dpsk12.org](mailto:WILL_JONES@dpsk12.org)>; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office <[Mike.Strott@denvergov.org](mailto:Mike.Strott@denvergov.org)>

**Cc:** Lee-Ashley, Will <[WILL\\_LEE-ASHLEY@dpsk12.org](mailto:WILL_LEE-ASHLEY@dpsk12.org)>; Albright, John <[JOHN\\_ALBRIGHT@dpsk12.org](mailto:JOHN_ALBRIGHT@dpsk12.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

Good morning everyone! Please note DPS is closed today due to weather. We anticipate we will want to re-schedule the meeting with the mayor and our Kunsmiller student. If so, could you please let us know what time and day would work for Mayor Hancock? We will then start working on new arrangements. Thanks, Nancy

**Nancy Mitchell**

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**From:** Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office [Jenna.Espinoza@denvergov.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:40 PM

**To:** Mitchell, Nancy; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director; Jones, Will; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office

**Subject:** RE: Draft statement

Thanks, Nancy.

Are you okay with our edits? Is it alright to include your contact information along with mine? Would you like to list a phone number or just your email?

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### **Denver and DPS Respond to Student Art Displayed at Public Building**

**DENVER** – The City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools have received concerns from the community regarding public art work by Denver students displayed in a city building.

Through Denver Public Schools' outreach, it was determined that the student created the work as part of a school project, in which students were asked to select a master work of art, research it and re-contextualize it to reflect how the student sees the issue in contemporary times. The student chose

Goya's *The Third of May 1808* and later saw a similar statement in *A Tale of Two Hoodies*, created by Michael D'Antuono in 2014. After learning of the negative impact of her work, the student has asked that it be taken down.

Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Acting Superintendent Susana Cordova released the following statement:

“Denver and DPS are sensitive to all concerns in this situation. We absolutely value the voices of our young artists, which is why we display their work every year. We also greatly respect the impact this art has had on our officers who serve and protect Denver and others in the community. But there is an opportunity here, too, to listen and learn from each other and to encourage our students to engage in difficult conversations. That is exactly the intention of DPS and the city as we continue to address the community's concerns.”

Tomorrow, the student and her mother will meet with Mayor Michael Hancock, Chief of Police Robert White and Acting Superintendent Susana Cordova at her school, Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy. This private meeting will be followed by a brief media availability at 11 a.m.

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