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November 7, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Mr. Brian Hampel

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Hampel:

Please accept this correspondence in response to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request you submitted to the Allendale Board of Education ("the Board"). As the official Records Custodian for the Board, I received your request on Friday, November 3, 2023. As such, the seven business day deadline to respond to your request is Tuesday, November 14, 2023. A response is being provided today, the second day of your request.

By way of your OPRA request, you seek that the Board provide any communications that have occurred since January 1, 2023, until the present, between the Allendale School District and the Saddle River Board of Education, as well as the Saddle River School District administrators, employees, contractors, or attorneys representing them. Specifically, you seek correspondence related to the establishment of any new send/receive agreements, encompassing discussions of interest, feasibility assessments, or proposals pertaining to this matter.

Please see the attached documents responsive to your request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the Board's decision to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the GRC by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at (866)-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton New Jersey 08625, by email at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their website at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county. If you should have any questions regarding the information produced, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Maria Engeleit
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



OPRA request - Allendale send/receive discussions with Saddle River BOE

1 message

Brian Hampel <opra+request-54901-b1af07d5@requests.opramachine.com>
To: OPRA requests at Allendale Public School District <mengeleit@allendalek8.com>

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 1:11 PM

Dear Allendale Public School District,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records Requested:

I am requesting any communications that have occurred since January 1, 2023, until the present, between the Allendale School District and the Saddle River Board of Education, as well as the Saddle River School District administrators, employees, contractors, or attorneys representing them. Specifically, I am interested in correspondence related to the establishment of any new send/receive agreements, encompassing discussions of interest, feasibility assessments, or proposals pertaining to this matter.

For clarity, a "send/receive school agreement" is a contract between two or more school districts, where one district (the "sending" district) agrees to send some of its students to schools in another district (the "receiving" district), typically because the sending district does not have appropriate facilities or programs to meet the needs of those students.

(1) To the extent that any such records contain personally identifiable information related to any individual student, please redact that personally identifiable information prior to disclosure.

(2) To the extent that any such records are exempted from disclosure under OPRA, and also unavailable under the common law right of access, please provide a complete Vaughn index of all such records, disclosing "sufficient detail to prove the requestor 'with as much information as possible to use in presenting his case' and to enable the 'decision-maker's review of governmental records to determine whether they contain privileged material.'" Paff v. Division of Law, 412 N.J. Super. 140, 161 (App. Div. 2010).

Regards,

Brian Hampel

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-54901-b1af07d5@requests.opramachine.com

Is mengeleit@allendalek8.com the wrong address for OPRA requests to Allendale Public School District? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=allendale_public_school_district

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https://opramachine.com/request/allendale_sendreceive_discussion



Fwd: Saddle River Question

1 message

Michael Barcadepone <mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com>
To: Maria Engeleit <mengeleit@allendalek8.com>

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 2:55 PM

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From: Dr. Gina Cinotti <gcinotti@wandellschool.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Saddle River Question
To: Michael Barcadepone (mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com) <mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com>

Hi Mike,
Can you give me a call when you have 5 minutes to chat?
I need to run something by you,
Gina

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Dr. Gina Cinotti
Superintendent/Principal
Saddle River School District
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Fwd: MS Exploration

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Michael Barcadepone <mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com>
To: Maria Engeleit <mengeleit@allendalek8.com>

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 2:39 PM

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From: Dr. Gina Cinotti <gcinotti@wandellschool.org>
Date: Fri, Sep 15, 2023 at 2:28 PM
Subject: MS Exploration
To: Michael Barcadepone (mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com) <mbarcadepone@allendalek8.com>

Hi Mike,

Back in March 2023, I reached out to see if your board of education would be interested in exploring a send/receive with Saddle River. At that time, you responded to me that there was no interest. Is that still the case?

Thanks for your prompt response,
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Date: Fri, Sep 15, 2023 at 3:33 PM
Subject: Re: MS Exploration
To: Dr. Gina Cinotti <gcinotti@wandellschool.org>

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