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Re: OPRA Request 01/02/24 – EEA Contract & Salary Guide

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq (hereinafter “Open Public Records Act” or OPRA) we herewith provide the following response to your Open Public Records Act Request served upon the District on January 02, 2024. Please note that the Custodian of the Records has sought and is producing only those records defined as follows:

“Government record” or “record” means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof”.

Your OPRA request was as follows:

- a. Board of Education & Eatontown Education Association Contract & Salary Guide

We provide the following document to the extent that records exist related to the above mentioned items:

1. A copy the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Eatontown Board of Education and The Eatontown Education Association

That response constitutes a good faith effort to be responsive to your request. These documents are provided without waiver of rights to require document identification as required by law.

Please note that N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6 provides that a person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor, may institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by filing an action in Superior Court which shall be heard in the vicinage where it is filed by a Superior Court Judge who has been designated to hear such cases because of that judge's knowledge and expertise in matters relating to access to government records; or in lieu of filing an action in Superior Court, file a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.

The right to institute any proceeding shall be solely that of the requestor. Any such proceeding shall proceed in a summary or expedited manner. The public agency shall have the burden of proving that the denial of access is authorized by law. If it is determined that access has been improperly denied, the court or agency head shall order that access be allowed. A requestor who prevails in any proceeding shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney's fee.

Sincerely,



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