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October 28, 2022

Stephanie Johnson

RE: Open Public Records Act Request
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Please be advised I am the Business Administrator for the Pinelands Regional Board of Education (the "Board"), which conducts and supervises the schools of the Pinelands Regional School District (the "District"). As such I am in receipt of your September 29, 2022 OPRA request. Your request sought the following:

- 1.) All emails sent and received between Superintendent, Melissa McCooley, to each of the sitting Board members from January 15th, 2022 - January 25th, 2022 regarding the online petition to Fire McCooley/Remove McCooley. (Ms. McCooley discussed this petition at the January 25th, 2022 Board Meeting.
- 2.) All emails received and sent from Board Member, Kim Hanadal from January 15th- January 25th, 2022.
- 3.) All emails sent from Board President, Betti A. McVey to Superintendent, Melissa McCooley; to Kim Hanadel; and to August Daleo from January 15th, 2022 to January 25th, 2022.

With regards to the second and third subsections of your OPRA, I am constrained to deny your request, as they are overly broad. In accord with MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005), and its progeny, in order to specifically identify emails or a class of documents, OPRA requests must contain (1) the content and/or subject of the e-mail, (2) the specific date or range of dates during which the e-mail was transmitted or the emails were transmitted, and (3) a valid e-mail request must identify the sender and/or the recipient thereof. Your request seeks "all emails received and sent from a board member, and all emails from the Board President to the Superintendent and to August Daleo, though you make no specific mention of the subject of the document(s) you are seeking. As such, subsections two and three of your request must be denied. If you rephrase and resubmit your request to better identify which specific documents you are seeking, I will reconsider your request at that time.

With regard to the first subsection of your OPRA request, please be advised that although there may be a limited number of potentially responsive documents, they are each exempt as personnel records, deliberative/interoffice records, and/or records that are protected under the privacy exemption and/or attorney-client privileged.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

Sincerely,

Amanda Miller
Business Administrator and Custodian of Records
Pinelands Regional Board of Education