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From: Anonymous <opra+request-78363-0986bbbe@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 1:29 PM
To: OPRA E-Mail
Subject: [External Email]OPRA request - Bohra Friedman Emails

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Dear Monroe Township School District (Middlesex),

Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per NJSA 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request.

I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose.

I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding.

Records requested:

-Email from Board Member Gazala Bohra to NJSBA Rep Mary Ann Friedman, as read into the record by Ms. Bohra during the June 11, 2025 Board Meeting, between the dates of May 5, 2025-June 11, 2025.

-Mary Ann Friedman's email response to Gazala Bohra as referenced during the June 11, 2025 Board Meeting, written to Ms. Bohra between the dates of May 5- June 11.

My preferred delivery method for response(s) to this request is by E-mail as attachments. Please confirm you have received this request. If you are not the custodian of records, please forward my request to that person and provide their email address to me for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Anonymous

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

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If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

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July 25, 2025

VIA EMAIL: opra+request-78363-0986bbbe@requests.opramachine.com

Anonymous

RE: OPRA Request dated July 9, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Monroe Township Board of Education (“Board” and/or “District”), I am writing this letter in furtherance of my correspondence dated July 18, 2025 in response to your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) submitted and received via email on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time within which to respond, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5. Specifically, the OPRA states that, in the event a records custodian needs additional time to fulfill the request, the custodian shall be entitled to a reasonable extension of time and shall notify the requester of the time extension. In regard to your request, this office requested such an extension until Friday, July 25, 2025. Accordingly, the Board’s response to your request is set forth below.

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Enclosed please find the emails between Ms. Bohra and NJSBA representative Mary Ann Friedman, as read into the record by Ms. Bohra during the June 11, 2025 Board meeting.

SUCCESS IS ALWAYS A TEAM EFFORT!!

As the documents identified above are being provided to you in electronic format only, there is no charge associated with your request. This correspondence and the enclosed documents constitute the Board's full and complete response to your OPRA request and therefore, your OPRA request is closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Goldstein". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lisa Goldstein
OPRA & Central Registration Secretary

From: Mary Ann Friedman <mafriedman@njsba.org>
Sent time: 05/06/2025 07:23:56 PM
To: Gazala Bohra <Gazala.Bohra@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: [External Email]RE: DO NOT REPLY ALL- Information

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Thank you Gazala.

Stay well.

Mary Ann

Mary Ann Friedman
Senior Field Service Representative
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From: Gazala Bohra <Gazala.Bohra@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Katie Fabiano <Katie.Fabiano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Peter Piro <Peter.Piro@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Peter Tufano <Peter.Tufano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Kate Rattner <Kate.Rattner@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Carmen Alvarez <Carmen.Alvarez@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Amanda Peck <Amanda.Peck@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Gail DiPane <Gail.DiPane@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Charles Zeichner <Charles.Zeichner@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Usha Sharma <Usha.Sharma@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Cc: Adam Weiss <aweiss@buschlawgroup.com>; Adam Layman <Adam.Layman@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Mary Ann Friedman <mafriedman@njsba.org>
Subject: Re: DO NOT REPLY ALL- Information

My apologies I am resending this email with the right address for Mrs Friedman. I had put.com instead of .org and my original email bounced back for her. I needed to ensure she is copied on this email as I had stated. Please do not reply all if you have any comments.

Thank You!
Gazala Bohra
Board Member
Monroe Township School District
Chair of Finance Committee
Chair of Curriculum, Co-Curricular, Athletics and Pupil Personnel Committee

From: Gazala Bohra <Gazala.Bohra@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 3:32 PM
To: Katie Fabiano <Katie.Fabiano@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Peter Piro <Peter.Piro@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>, Peter Tufano <Peter.Tufano@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Kate Rattner <Kate.Rattner@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Carmen Alvarez <Carmen.Alvarez@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Amanda Peck <Amanda.Peck@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Gail DiPane <Gail.DiPane@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Charles Zeichner <Charles.Zeichner@monroe.k12.nj.us>, Usha Sharma <Usha.Sharma@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Cc: Adam Weiss <aweiss@buschlawgroup.com>, Adam Layman <Adam.Layman@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>, mafriedman@njsba.com <mafriedman@njsba.com>
Subject: DO NOT REPLY ALL- Information

Dear fellow board members,

I spoke to Mary Ann Friedman, who was kind enough to make time for me this afternoon and I wanted to share what I learnt from her about the superintendent evaluation procedure. According to Mary Ann it is not uncommon for the Superintendent to reach out to the NJSBA FSR to share who in their opinion is conflicted for their evaluation. There are times when the board president is not aware of this conflict so Superintendents often do this on their own with the NJSBA representative. So what was being hyped as an highly unethical act by Dr Chanley last night is in fact quite a common occurrence. What happened afterwards is also due process. If the board member does not agree they can tell the President or the NJSBA representative themselves and are usually asked to get advice from their board attorney to prove otherwise. If successful in proving otherwise they get the chance to evaluate like it happened with Mr. Piro.

What was being explained in the closed session by the board president and vice president as an highly unethical act by the superintendent is in fact quite usual! I have copied our NJSBA FSR to this email so if anyone would like to confirm my conversation please do so by reaching out to Mary Ann Friedman.

I would like to urge you to understand that not everything that was said in the closed session was factually correct. There were assumptions and personal opinions being thrown around during the closed session. Using that to put the superintendent on administrative leave without any warning or discussion was not the right way to handle the situation. It was not a solution minded approach. She is a tenured staff member with a contract till June 2028. As board members, each one of us needs to individually understand the process involved and the impact it has on what matters end of the day for all of us – MTSD and fiscal accountability of our actions to tax payers . Hoping we can work as a board of 1 to do what is right for everyone, and to do that we have to follow processes better. Lawsuits only take away from a deserving student!

Thank You!

Gazala Bohra

Board Member

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