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September 20, 2023

Betsy Cross
Re: OPRA 24-017

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Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education, (District) is in receipt of your emailed request that is dated September 19, 2023, wherein you requested record as follows:

“May I please the fully executed written retainer agreement and any documents which identify the hourly rate the Wall BOE has with Law firm Methfessel & Werbel PC.”

In response to your request for a fully executed written retainer agreement and any documents which identify the hourly rate the Wall BOE has with Law firm Methfessel & Werbel PC, please be advised that the district has not retained the services of the referenced law firm, has not entered into a contract with the referenced law firm, and therefore no records exist that are responsive to your request. For additional clarification, please understand that this does not mean that the district is refusing to provide with a public record.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Wall Township Board of Education 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 Government Records Council (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, NJ 08625, be-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC 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.

Sincerely,



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