



BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 2, 2021

Vinny Casper

VIA: opra+request-20024-53e4c649@requests.opramachine.com

Re: OPRA Request 02/02/2021

As you know, I am the Business Administrator and Custodian of Records for the Barnegat Township School District (the "Board" or the "District"). I received your request for records (the "Request") pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA" or the "Act") on February 2, 2021. your request seeks "any and all email exchanges, as well as any complaints lodged against current members of the Barnegat Board of Education. In particular, please forward documentation related to Richard Quelch." I received a similar request from you on January 11, 2021, which I responded to on January 21, 2021.

A government record defined by OPRA is: "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. The terms shall not include inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative material." [N.J.S.A. § 47:1A-1.1].

However, OPRA exempts from the definition of a "government record" documents subject to attorney client privilege. As such, the Board of Education must deny this request because it seeks documents subject to attorney client privilege N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Brennan, MBA, CPA

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