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Dear Paul Dalnoky,

As you are aware, 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 May 26, 2023 OPRA request which sought the following:

True copies of the blueprints for the renovations of the Pinelands Regional High School which occurred in the period between 2017-2020.

I previously advised you of the need for an extension of time to respond to your request until today. Please be advised that I am constrained to deny your request. The requested information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to OPRA, specifically N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. More specifically, OPRA exempts from disclosure, emergency or security information or procedures which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility of persons therein. In a guidance issued in 2013, the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, stated that "building plans submitted in conjunction with any permit application" are exempt from disclosure under OPRA. See NJAC 5:3. See also Nase v. Twp. of Middle (Cape May), GRC Complaint No. 2016-273 (July 2018), where the GRC held that the building plans requested fell under the security exemption. See also Kohn v. Twp. of Livingston (Essex), GRC Complaint No. 2007-319 (July 2008) and Cardillo v. City of Hoboken Zoning Office, GRC Complaint No. 2005-158 (December 2006)). I would also like to note that you have not demonstrated any particularized need for this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda P. Miller". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a clear loop for the 'M' and a trailing flourish.

Amanda Miller
Business Administrator/Board Secretary