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Jessica Spencer Bond

RE: OPRA REQUEST TO ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Ms. Bond,

The Absecon Board of Education ("Board") is in receipt of your OPRA request, which was sent to Tina Maruca, Business Administrator, via email on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 1:32 pm. Specifically, the request seeks the following student records and information:

All documentation and stored electronic messages regarding the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Complaint involving James Bond. This includes, but is not limited to: all interviews, email correspondence, investigation notes and findings.

This response is being provided on the fourth day following the Board's receipt of your request. Pursuant to OPRA, "...a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy..." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1. Furthermore, student records, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) and other applicable statutes, codes, regulations, etc., are confidential and will not be produced in response to an OPRA request. In view of the aforementioned statutes, codes, regulations, etc., to the extent that your OPRA request seeks student records, your request is denied and closed. Despite the foregoing, to the extent that you are seeking your own child's student records, kindly complete, sign and return the attached authorization/request form and the request will be processed accordingly.

Sincerely,

Tina Maruca, CPA
Business Administrator
Encl.

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