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Anonymous

RE: OPRA Request dated July 12, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board" and/or "District"), I am writing this letter in response to your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") submitted via email on Saturday, July 12, 2025 and received on Monday, July 14, 2025. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline within which the Board is to respond to your request is Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

More specifically, the Board responds to your request as set forth below:

"Total number of classrooms with bathrooms in each of the elementary buildings:

- Mill Lake Elementary**
- Oak Tree Elementary**
- Barclay Brook Elementary**
- Brookside Elementary**
- Applegarth Elementary**
- Woodland Elementary".**

This request is overly broad in that the request does not identify specific records and seeks information rather than identifiable records. A proper OPRA request must identify with reasonable clarity by specifically describing those documents that are being sought. See Gannett New Jersey Partners L.P. v. County of Middlesex, 379 N.J. Super. 205, 211-12, 877 A.2d 330 (App. Div. 2005); New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 178 (App. Div.), certify. Denied, 190 N.J. 394 (2007); Bent v.

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Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 40 (App. Div. 2005). Under OPRA, one cannot submit “wholesale requests for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the responding government entity.” MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 868 A.2d 1067 (App. Div. 2005). (The Court found a request for “all books, records, [and] documents” related to a specific project to be improper.)

OPRA operates to make identifiable government records “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of ABC, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005). MAG Entertainment, LLC held, “[w]hile OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information.” Id. at 547. “Under OPRA, agencies are required to disclose only ‘identifiable’ government records not otherwise exempt.” Id. at 549; *See also* Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) (holding that OPRA only allows requests for records as contrasted from information, and to qualify under OPRA a request must reasonably identify a record and not generally data, information or statistics).

Further, please be advised that the OPRA exempts from disclosure “emergency or security information or procedures for any buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility or persons therein” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. See also Kohn v. Twp. of Livingston (Essex), GRC Complaint No. 2007-319 (July 2008) and Nase v. Twp. of Middle (Cape May), GRC Complaint No. 2016-273 (July 2018).

In accordance with the above, your request is hereby denied as an overbroad request for information and as a request for confidential records that would jeopardize the security of the building and/or persons therein.

This correspondence and the foregoing information constitute the Board’s full and complete response to your OPRA request and therefore, your OPRA request is closed.

Sincerely,



Lisa Goldstein
OPRA & Central Registration Secretary