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Eric Marozine

Re: OPRA Request dated June 12, 2025

Dear Mr. Marozine:

On behalf of the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board" and/or "District"), I am writing this letter in furtherance of my correspondence of June 23, 2025, in response to your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") submitted and received via email on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time within which to respond, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5. Specifically, the OPRA states that, in the event a records custodian needs additional time to fulfill the request, the custodian shall be entitled to a reasonable extension of time and shall notify the requester of the time extension. In regards to your request, this office requested such an extension until Friday, June 27, 2025. Accordingly, the Board's response to your request is set forth below.

"[E]mail log between Gazala Bohra and Maryann Friedman".

This request is overly broad in that the request does not identify specific 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. 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

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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).

In addition, with regards to copies of correspondences, including emails, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5, a custodian is not required to fulfill a request for correspondence “if the request does not identify a specific job title or accounts to be searched, a specific subject matter, and is not confined to a reasonable time period”.

Your request fails to identify a date or date range for the records being requested. Accordingly, as submitted, your request fails to identify with reasonable clarity the specific government records sought. Please respond in writing to clarify the specific government records sought, specifically by providing the specific date or date range of the records you are seeking, so that we may process your request.

In the event that we do not receive the written clarification within seven (7) days, this correspondence shall represent the Board’s denial of your request as overly broad. As such, this correspondence and the above information shall constitute a full and complete response to your OPRA request and therefore, your OPRA request will be deemed closed.

Sincerely,



Lisa Goldstein
OPRA Secretary/Custodian of Records & Central Registration Secretary