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BY EMAIL ONLY TO: Concerned Parents <opra+request-63498-0fd9a7c3@requests.opramachine.com>

July 23, 2024

Concerned Parents

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Concerned Parents:

The Board is in receipt of your request for records under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). Your request seeks the following:

“Email log for Chari Chanley for June 15 - July 8, 2024 with to/from, date and subject”

The District conducted searches using the search terms in your request and yielded responsive documents of around 2,520 rows of email log information. Each of these rows will need to be reviewed to remove confidential information. As a result, your request requires a special service charge due to the large number of responsive data and the extraordinary expenditure of time and effort necessary to comply with the request.

OPRA allows public agencies to impose special service charges whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or when fulfilling a request requires an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c). Special service charges must be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies.

The large volume of responsive data necessitates that the District dedicates personnel for numerous hours to satisfy your request. The lowest level employee that is capable of fulfilling this request would be me. My hourly rate is \$32.73. It is anticipated that to complete the request it will take me approximately 9.9 hours. As such, a detailed estimate is provided below:

Number of Rows of Data:	2,520
Employee's Hourly Rate:	\$32.73
Estimated Hours to Fulfill This Request:	9.9
Total Estimated Special Service Charge:	\$324.02

OPRA mandates that the requestor shall have the opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being incurred. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c). Kindly respond in writing with whether you agree to pay the estimated charge. The District will not begin to process this request until it receives your written acceptance and you provide a deposit in the amount of \$162.01 (50% of the total estimated special service charge). Upon completion of the request, the District's actual cost in fulfilling the request will be calculated and provided to you. The remaining amount must be paid prior to the records being provided. Please be advised that the special service charge does not include the cost of a flash drive (if you would like the records provided digitally) or copying costs (if you would like hard copies of the records to be provided).

As an alternative, if you prefer to modify your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records, kindly let us know.

Sincerely,



Lisa Goldstein

OPRA Secretary/Custodian of Records

cc: Ms. Chari Chanley, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Adam S. Weiss, Esq., The Busch Law Group LLC