

Toms River Regional Schools



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November 27, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Opra-request-55340-48e8b885@requests.opramachine.com

Quinette Travers

Dear Ms. Travers,

The Toms River Regional School District received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on November 16, 2023. The official Records Custodian, Sheri Pereira, received your OPRA request on November 16, 2023. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is November 29, 2023 due to the District being closed on Thursday, November 23, 2023 and Friday, November 24, 2023 for the Thanksgiving holiday. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 5th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

Email logs for – mcitta@trschoools.com

To/from, date, subject

Period: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

The District has conducted a search and as a result has identified approximately 46,746 lines of data which may be responsive to your 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.

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. As such, a detailed estimate is provided below:

As the requested records may contain student information, personal health information and other exempted and confidential information, the lowest level employee capable of fulfilling the request is the official Custodian and my hourly rate is \$32.84 per hour, exclusive of fringe benefits.

Approximate length of time necessary to review records and gather the information requested is 194.78 hours. The 194.78 hours is based on an average of 15 seconds per line to review the record (46,746 lines of data @ 15 seconds per line = 194.78 hours).

Total Estimated Special Service Charge is $194.78 \times \$32.84 = \$6,396.58$

Kindly respond in writing with your acceptance or rejection of the above detailed estimated charge. If the accommodation of a special service charge is acceptable, the requested service charge must be paid to the Toms River Regional School District before the District will begin processing the request. The District will not begin to process this request until the District receives your written acceptance and payment. Alternatively, if you can amend your request and identify a government record(s) with more specificity the District may be able to accommodate your amended request without or at least with a lesser special service charge. Please be advised that failure to respond within ten (10) days of receipt of this correspondence will result in the closure of your OPRA request.

If you reject the estimated charge and you wish to challenge the special service charge, you have a right to challenge the decision. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

Sheri Pereira
Custodian of School Records
Toms River Regional Schools