

December 16, 2020

John Kenneth
[Address Undisclosed]

Dear Mr. Kenneth,

I write in response to your December 7, 2020 request for certain records (the “Request”) pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1a-1 et seq. (“OPRA”), made to North Star Academy Charter School of Newark (“North Star”).

Your Request seeks “A copy of the ‘Master Services Agreement with Uncommon Schools and North Star Academy Charter School of Newark’” referenced in the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting of North Star’s Board of Trustees.

The Master Service Agreement between North Star and Uncommon School (the “MSA”) is also colloquially referred to as the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”)—the documents, however, are one and the same, and thus any reference to either the MSA or MOU should be understood to mean the agreement for the management and operation of North Star’s charter schools between North Star and Uncommon Schools (the “Agreement”). For purposes of this response, North Star will refer to the MSA/MOU as the Agreement. As North Star previously explained in its response to your November 16, 2020 request for the Agreement, sent to you on December 4, 2020 and incorporated herein by reference, the Agreement is exempt from disclosure under OPRA by virtue of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, in that it contains “proprietary commercial or financial information” and also “information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to [Uncommon School’s] competitors.”

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Gerald'.

Karin Gerald
Senior Director
North Star Academy