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The Curious Taxpayer

Gentlemen,

The Township of Ocean School District received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The official Records Custodian, Geoffrey Hastings, received your OPRA request on Monday, October 23, 2023. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is Wednesday, November 1, 2023. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 6th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

"A digital list of all employees hired by the district. Please include their job title (non abbreviated) and union affiliation, department they work in, hire date, and salary. Please include full time staff, part time staff, substitutes, or temporarily/seasonally employed workers. This list can be broken up if one record does not exist containing all the requested information."

Your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill because queries are being made to several databases to retrieve the requested information. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied."

Your request requires an extension of time until Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Ocean School District to deny access. 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,

Geoffrey Hastings
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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