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Sean Nelson Boero

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-72679-2b100e09@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Mr. Boero:

This office is in receipt of your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Please be advised that your request for "Investigation findings and the investigation report number(s) for allegations of misconduct at the Ocean County Vocational and Technical School" is invalid, as it seeks data and/or information. See Bent v. Township of Stafford Police Dept., Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) ("To qualify under OPRA..., the request must reasonably identify a record and not generally data, information or statistics.") Additionally, compliance with the request would require research, analysis and judgment by this office, which is prohibited by OPRA:

While 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. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records "readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination." MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005).

Please be further advised that, to the extent that you are seeking investigation reports, your request is denied as investigation reports are considered criminal investigatory records, which are exempt from disclosure under OPRA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

Based on all of the foregoing, your request is denied. Should you disagree with our decision, please contact us in writing with your concerns so that we may consider them. If I can

be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,
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