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Via E-Mail opra+request-90539-c55dc7c4@requests.opramachine.com

Phil Nadler

Re: Open Public Records Act/Common Law Request

Dear Mr. Nadler:

The Ridgefield Public Schools ("District") records custodian received your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") and common law request ("Request") on April 24, 2026. On May 5, 2026, the District obtained an extension of the response deadline until May 19, 2026. As such, the District is timely responding to your Request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your Request seeks the following:

All emails from Patrick Jo to Ridgefield Board of Education members from March 25, 2026 through present.

All emails to Patrick Jo from Ridgefield Board of Education members from March 25, 2026 through present.

All cellphone and telephone records from Patrick Jo showing contact with Ridgefield Board of Education members and members of the Ridgefield School District between March 25, 2026 through present.

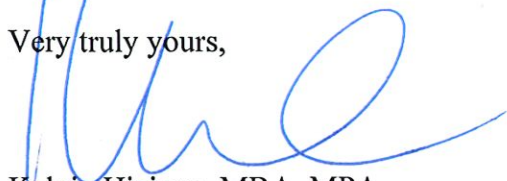
All emails between Patrick Jo and any staff member from the Ridgefield School District from March 25, 2026 through present, limited to records specifically regarding the school district.

With respect to the portion of your Request seeking e-mail communications, please be advised that same is invalid as overly broad pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g) (providing that a records custodian shall not be required to search for responsive communications if the request fails to identify the specific accounts, a specific subject matter, and a reasonable time period for the search). Here, you failed to provide a specific subject matter for the communications that you are purportedly seeking. Please be advised that "the school district" does not constitute a specific subject matter within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g). As such, this portion of your Request fails to comport with OPRA's specificity requirements, and the District is not legally obligated to search for and produce any potentially responsive communications based upon the parameters of your Request. Furthermore, to the extent that you are purportedly seeking these communications pursuant to the common law right of access, this portion of your Request is similarly deficient for the reasons stated above.

With respect to the portion of your Request seeking cellphone/telephone records, the District conducted a search and determined that it is not in possession of any potentially responsive records as Mr. Jo does not possess a District issued telephone.

Your Request is now deemed answered and closed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Hiciano', written over the closing 'yours,'.

Kelvin Hiciano, MBA, MPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary