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OPRA request - Pat Thomas contract/emails pertaining to

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Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 9:55 AM

To: OPRA requests at Toms River School District <spereira@trschoools.com>

Dear Toms River School District,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested: I am looking for all BOE communication since May 17th agenda regarding tenure and contract for Pat Thomas.

Yours faithfully,
Krista Whittaker

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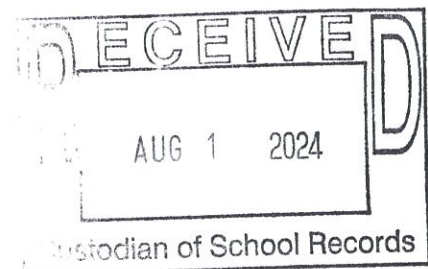
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Redactions:

Response: Pages 1-17 & 20-22 (Attorney Client Privilege)

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Thank you for the clarification.

At the July 17th public board meeting, it was stated by the Board President, and confirmed by the CSA, that Mr. Thomas was tenured as of May 1, 2024 and not that he will "receive statutory promotional tenure August 1." As per labor attorney, Mr. Padula "Here, Mr. Thomas commenced employment as Assistant Superintendent on August 1, 2022. Thus, he is not currently tenured in that position but will acquire tenure in the position of Assistant Superintendent upon working through August 1, 2024."

At the next regular Board of Education meeting, the CSA and the Board President should correct the inaccurate information that was presented in public in order to be truthful and transparent to our community stakeholders.

Thank you,
Melissa

On Tue, Jul 23, 2024 at 10:54 AM William R. Burns, Esq. <wburns@hartmanduff.com> wrote:
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