

Lisa Goldstein

From: Anonymous <opra+request-58386-2011b98e@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Lisa Goldstein
Subject: [External Email]OPRA request - Rationale for unlawfully withholding copy of Chari Chanley's Ed.D. diploma

[You don't often get email from opra+request-58386-2011b98e@requests.opramachine.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the school district. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Monroe Township IT Department

Dear Monroe Township School District (Middlesex),

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:

1) Any document that describes the basis upon which Chari Chanley is permitted to violate District Policy 8321 by failing to submit evidence of her Ed.D. before allowing the title of Dr. to be appended to her name. Policy 8321 requires school district employees to provide "the District with verification from the institution of higher education of their receipt of the degree or certificate for which the letters are registered" before appending letters to their names.

2) Any document that describes the basis upon which a copy of Chari Chanley's Ed.D. diploma is unlawfully denied under the personnel exemption. Please note that Chari Chanley's Ed.D. does not fall under the personnel exemption if this degree is the basis for Chanley's contract re-negotiation/promotion: "'In *Kovalcik v. Somerset Cty. Prosecutor's Office*, 206 N.J. 581 (2011), the Supreme Court held that this exception does not authorize disclosure of all records that "evidence an employee's educational background or even that evidence an employee's participation in educational pursuits generally.' Rather, the Court held that the exception makes available only records "that would demonstrate that a government employee lacked a required credential and therefore failed to meet the minimum qualifications for the position."

In other words, if there is a certain training certificate, license, or degree that must be obtained in order to hold a government position-or to receive a raise or promotion- then the public is entitled to access documents that prove whether or not the employee meets those requirements."

3) Any official evidence such as transcripts or copy of a diploma, that confirms that Chari Chanley has obtained her Ed.D. from Rowan University.

Yours faithfully,

Anonymous

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-58386-2011b98e@requests.opramachine.com

Is lisa.goldstein@monroe.k12.nj.us the wrong address for OPRA requests to Monroe Township School District (Middlesex)? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=monroe_township_school_district_middlesex

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/rationale_for_unlawfully_withhol

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.