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BY EMAIL ONLY TO: Anonymous <opra+request-36157-f5cc6668@requests.opramachine.com>

October 24, 2022

Anonymous

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Anonymous:

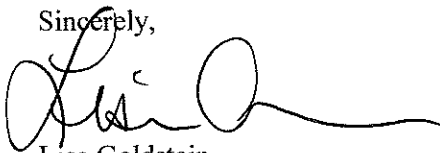
The Board is in receipt of your request for records under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). Your request seeks the following:

"All Emails and attachments Michael gorski sent to out of district email addresses from his district email address michael.gorski@monroe.k12.nj.us during the time period of April 1, 2022 through April 15, 2022"

Your request requires further clarification, as the District is unable to identify the government record that you are seeking. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired. *See Bent v. Stafford Police Department*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). In particular, OPRA "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.' N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1." *MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 543 (App. Div. 2005). The Government Records Council further has established specific criteria that must be met for a requestor to identify specific government communications. The GRC determined that to be valid, the request must contain: (1) the content and/or subject of the communication, (2) the specific date or range of dates during which the communications were transmitted, and (3) the identity of the sender and/or the recipient thereof. *Elcavage v. West Milford Twp.*, GRC Complaint No. 2009-07 (April 2010); *Caggiano v. NJ Office of the Governor*, Complaint No. 2014-263 (March 2015).

Your request fails to provide the requisite information to identify a specific government communication as it fails to provide the content and/or subject of the communication. As a result, your request is denied, at this time, until further clarification is provided.

Sincerely,



Lisa Goldstein
OPRA Secretary/Custodian of Records

cc: Ms. Chari Chanley, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David Disler, Esq., Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.