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John Lang

Via opra+request-88038-aa030054@requests.opramachine.com

Re: OPRA Request – Union City Board of Education
“Internal Review of OPRA Request – Security Cameras”

Dear John Lang:

The Union City Board of Education (“Board”) is in receipt of your OPRA request dated March 2, 2026, seeking the following:

Records Requested:

WHEREAS DATE: 11/14/2025

WHEREAS TIME: 12:15pm - 2:00pm

WHEREAS: A call of service was made to the "Union City Board of Education Center" 3912 Bergen Turnpike. Union City NJ 07087.

WHEREAS: Lt. Glenn Gaston, Sgt Delatore, Officer Bido and Officer Arias, was on scene for the time, date, location as noted.

THEREFORE:

- Provide all security camera footages (including security camera footage of the lobby) of Lt. Gaston, Sgt Delatore, Officer Bido and Officer Arias, with parameters as noted above. Including incident of arrest.

Response: Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3*, where it shall appear that the record or records which are sought to be inspected, copied, or examined shall pertain to an investigation in progress by any public agency, the right of access provided under the Open Public Records Act may be denied if the inspection, copying or examination of such record or records shall be inimical to the public interest.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board must deny your request for the following reasons: (a) the security camera footage(s) that you seek pertain to an investigation in

progress by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office; (b) disclosure of the security camera footage(s) would be "inimical to the public interest"; and (c) the security camera footage(s) was not available to the public before the investigation began. *See North Jersey Media v. Lyndhurst*, 229 N.J. 541, 573 (2017).

The security camera footage(s) is exempt, at this time, under OPRA because it is related to the ongoing investigation that prompted the "call of service made to the Union City Board of Education, 3912 Bergen turnpike, Union City, NJ 07087" on November 14, 2025.

At this time your OPRA request dated March 2, 2026, is deemed fulfilled and closed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elise DiNardo".

ELISE DiNARDO, ESQ.

Attorney for the Union City Board of Education

Cc: Justin Mercado, Board Secretary