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Anonymous

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Anonymous:

The District is in receipt of your request for records under the Open Public Records Act. Specifically, your request sought:

“Copy of all current certifications for all armed security staff (fulltime and part time) working in the district. Retired officers permits for each security officer or license to carry permits.
Please provide physical copies of each certificate.
Please include for 2023 and 2024”.

In regard to your first request for “copy of all current certifications for all armed security staff (fulltime and part time) working in the district”, your request is denied because they are personnel records. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10 (“the personnel or pension records of any individual in the possession of a public agency ... shall not be considered a government record and shall not be made available for public access”).

With respect to the second request for “Retired officers permits for each security officer or license to carry permit”, please be advised that documents related to firearms, including firearm permits and licenses, maintained by the Board are not public records and cannot be disclosed to any person not authorized by law to have access to them. *See* N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (“[a] government record shall not include . . . personal firearms records, except for use by any person authorized by law to have access to these records or for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, for purposes of the administration of justice”); N.J.A.C. 13:54–1.15 (“ . . . any permit, firearms identification card, [firearms] license, certification, certificate, form of register, or registration statement, maintained by any State or municipal governmental agency, is not a public record and shall not be disclosed to any person not authorized by law or this chapter to have access to such documentation...”). In light of the foregoing, your request is denied. *See, e.g., Squicciarini v. Berkeley Twp. Police Dep’t. (Ocean)*, GRC Complaint No. 2011-18, Final Decision (Mar. 27, 2012) (holding that a requested letter contained within a gun permit application investigation file was exempt from disclosure); *Galligan v. Twp. of West Deptford (Gloucester)*, GRC Complaint No. 2013-163, Final Decision (Mar. 25, 2014) (holding that records custodian lawfully denied access to applications for Firearms Purchase Identification and/or Handgun Purchase Permits pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:54-1.15 and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a)).

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Chari Robynne Chanley, Superintendent of Schools
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