



Saddle River School District - Wandell School
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February 7, 2024

VIA E-MAIL [opra+request-57781-9d20a310@requests.opramachine.com]

Brian Hampel

Re: Open Public Records Act/Common Law Request

Dear Mr. Hampel:

The Saddle River School District ("District") records custodian received your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") and common law request ("Request") on January 29, 2024. The seven business day deadline to respond to your Request is February 7, 2024. As such, the District is timely responding to your Request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your Request seeks the following records:

I am seeking emails between January 1, 2022, and September 13, 2023 as received by the current Superintendent/Principal of the Saddle River, Dr. Gina Cinotti, using the email address of gcinotti@wandellschool.org, where the sender has requested for the Saddle River School District to support middle school options within District for grades 6 thru 8, in place of the current send/receive agreement that sends grades 6 thru 8 out of district.

To clarify the request:

- a) Records Sought: Emails matching the following criteria as outlined below*
- b) The email receiver is the Superintendent/Principal of the Saddle River, Dr. Gina Cinotti, using the email address of gcinotti@wandellschool.org*
- c) The Subject: Requests for the Saddle River School District to support middle school options within District for grades 6 thru 8, in place of the current send/receive agreement that sends grades 6 thru 8 out of district.*
- d) The date range is between January 1, 2022, and September 13, 2023*

Common Law: Under common law, I seek access to the requested documents to ensure transparency and accountability in the spending of public funds by the Saddle River School District, and to verify that the district is complying with applicable laws and regulations regarding the community's interest and advocacy for the establishment of a middle school within the district.



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(1) To the extent that any such records contain personally identifiable information related to any individual student, please redact that personally identifiable information prior to disclosure.
(2) To the extent that any such records are exempted from disclosure under OPRA, and also unavailable under the common law right of access, please provide a complete Vaughn index of all such records, disclosing “sufficient detail to prove the requestor ‘with as much information as possible to use in presenting his case’ and to enable the ‘decision-maker’s review of governmental records to determine whether they contain privileged material.’”
Paff v. Division of Law, 412 N.J. Super. 140, 161 (App. Div. 2010).

OPRA allows the records custodian to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5i. In light of the voluminous nature of your Request, the District requires an additional 30 days (until March 8, 2024) to compile, review, and produce the potentially responsive records in accordance with New Jersey law. The District also reserves the right to request an additional extension of time if necessary. See Scheeler v. New Jersey Department of Educ., GRC Complaint No. 2014-123 (2016).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Lawler
Business Administrator/Board Secretary