

From: Staton, Jennifer A
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Foster, James H
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Mr. Dowling,

Thank you for your request for public records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(3)(A) and (B), the BCSD exempts from disclosure your requested records on grounds the production thereof would interfere with a prospective law enforcement proceeding and/or would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial and/or an impartial adjudication.

The BCSD has been informed by the U.S. Attorney of its preference that grand jury subpoenas and the contents therein not be made public. As rationale, the U.S. Attorney specifically cited language similar to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(3)(A) and (B). Through its officers, the Board of Education made a public commitment that the “[t]he Board, the District, its counsel, and its employees will cooperate fully with this investigation.” The U.S. Attorney made an unambiguous recommendation that the subpoenas not be made public because doing so might hinder their investigation. It is impossible to reconcile the promise of full cooperation if the BCSD then acts in a manner inconsistent with law enforcement’s stated preference.

The Board officers also directed BCSD staff to release the subpoenas upon notification release no longer interferes with a law enforcement proceeding or would not deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

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Enter your email address below to receive a confirmation email when you submit your data: (Optional)

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Name: John Dowling

Organization (if applicable): BC BOE

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Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	All subpoenas received by the BCSD in January 2018 perataining to a federal investigation requesting records for May River High School and River Ridge Academy construction, as well as records concerning Hite Associates.

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