

Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L

Subject: Your FOIA request
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From: Goodell, Brian S
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 4:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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Hi, Gwen,

Upon our receipt from you of the deposit referenced below, the District will make public records responsive to this request available to you under the FOIA, §30-4-30, subject to the exemption and redaction of records that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA, including §§ 30-4-40(a) (2), (4), (5), and (7) and (13). The District is also unable to produce confidential student educational records, as they are protected from disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

The search query for your request returned 849 emails. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(B), the BCSD estimates search, retrieval, and redaction, if necessary, of documents to respond to your request will require 17 hours, for an estimated cost of \$761.60, plus 6 cents per copy. If we estimate 2 pages per email copying charges will be \$101.88. Costs may increase or decrease. A 25% deposit of the total reasonably anticipated cost, in the amount of \$215.87, is required before work will begin on your request. Please make all checks out to the Beaufort County School District and send to the attention of Candace Bruder.

If this estimate is not acceptable, please consider narrowing your request to be more specific to include information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records and resubmit your request.

Student education records are not public documents and are excluded from release per The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) and South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) SECTION 30-4-40 (4). Attached is a summary of FERPA exceptions.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (see 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99) protects personally identifiable information (PII) from students' education records from unauthorized disclosure. The BCSD must redact this information prior to release.

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