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Subject: FW: PPRA 20 USC 1232h - Formal Request - May River High School
Attachments: Student Opt Out survey.pdf; CTC Opt Out (22SY) (002).pdf; School_Climate_Survey_STUDENT.pdf

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Dear Mr. Castagnino,

In response to your September 15, 2022 FOIA request below, please find attached the SCDE School Climate Survey that is prepared by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and administered by all school systems in SC to be included on the District/School report cards. The BCSD cannot confirm any student by name who participated in this survey because the results are anonymous. The School Climate Survey does not meet the definition of a survey conducted under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA") as it does not elicit information listed under the eight PPRA categories. This survey has not been administered this school year.

Last year BCSD administered an annual state approved Panorama screener to students. The District received an email from you last year stating that you were opting-out your son, and we confirmed that he did not participate in this survey last year. This screener has not been administered this school year.

A survey called "Communities that Care" is administered through Beaufort County Alcohol & Drug through DAODAS and is administered in grades 7, 9 and 11. Only two anonymous May River High School students took the survey the last year. This survey has not been administered this school year.

Please find attached parental opt-out letters.

Finally, curriculum and instruction materials are posted on the BCSD website, which can be accessed at <https://www.beaufortschools.net/academics/curriculum-instruction>. If you would like to make an appointment with the principal of May River High School to review materials in person, please contact Mr. Todd Bornscheuer. However, please clarify the specific curriculum you wish to review.

Kind regards,
Candace

From: Joseph Castagnino <[REDACTED]>
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Beaufort County School District,

Consider this communication a formal request, under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C § 1232h, for the information listed below. Under Federal Law, you are obligated to provide this information without fees, obstruction, redaction or limitation.

- Immediate access to all curriculum material, including teacher training materials, used in May River High School including any teacher trainings prior to the start of the school year.
- Copies of all surveys and related documents given to my child during the past and current school year, and copies of the opt-out notifications you provided to parents, asking for information concerning or related to —
 - political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
 - mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
 - sex behavior or attitudes;
 - illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships (this should include all material related to "white privilege" or "anti-racism");
 - legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
 - religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
 - income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Failure to provide this information will be a direct violation of Federal Law and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C § 1232h and will result in a formal complaint with the US Department of Education.

The school district has 10 business days to fulfill this request, with unredacted versions of the materials.

Thank you.
Joseph Castagnino