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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:27:00 PM
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Dear Ms. Rubin,

The district is in receipt of your November 18, 2022 FOIA request. The following search was run based on your request:

all:(("removal" OR "reclassification" OR "reconsideration of instructional and library materials" OR "book challenges" OR "Request for reconsideration of materials" OR "Request for review of building level recommendation") AND all:(("book" OR "books" OR "ebook" "ebooks" OR "audiobook" OR "audiobooks") AND Jan 1 2000 - Nov 17

This search has returned 388,942 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 3,889 hours, for an estimated cost of \$174,849 plus 6 cents per copy for a total cost of \$198,186. Costs may increase or decrease. A 25% deposit of the total reasonably anticipated cost is required before work will begin on your request. Please make all checks out to the Beaufort County School District and send to my attention.

As your request is extremely broad, in order to lower the cost you may wish to 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.

Additionally, please see the below links for public documents that have already been pulled as part of other specific FOIA requests which may be of relevance to your broader request:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1669155330/beaufortk12scus/agdrwxoqw2cnislwreiu/ExplicitBooksComplaint_Redacted.pdf
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1669129660/beaufortk12scus/hw7ekrydbsvdpindzcr/Szalai111822FOIArequest.pdf>

Kind regards,
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Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the South Carolina Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records: Copies of written and electronic complaints and challenges for removal, reclassification, or other reconsideration of instructional and library materials including books, ebooks, and audiobooks from January 1, 2000 (or as early as available) to the present, as well as records, petitions, correspondence, and the outcomes related to these challenges. These complaint forms may be categorized as "Request for reconsideration of materials" or "Request for review of building level recommendation". These are sometimes referred to as "book challenges." As we believe these records will benefit the public interest and inform public understanding of book challenges across the U.S., we request any fees associated with this request be waived. We are planning to make our findings publicly available. If fees cannot be waived, please inform me in advance. Please know that I am a member of the media, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. If possible, I would appreciate the corresponding records shared via email with text documents or clear PDFs. If you cannot reply electronically, please let me know and I can provide a mailing address. If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 15 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Emma Rubin

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