From: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L
To: Ivie Szalai
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:47:12 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Ms. Szalai,

Our policy does not specifically address multiple FOIA requests on the same day from the same person. As with other policies, staff are allowed to use their judgment and discretion in implementing the policy in question. In this case, as indicated in our original response, it would not be reasonable to allow a citizen to avoid costs that would be applicable to another citizen because in one case the requests were made separately. We will begin work on your requests upon receipt of the deposit. If you would like to refine any of your requests further, please let us know.

Regards,
Candace

From: Ivie Szalai <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request

I could understand if I took Request #3 and separated that out by each recipient or topic but that is not what is happening with these separate requests. Can you show me in policy where this is addressed? If it is not, I respectfully request that you separate as asked.
Thanks, Ivie

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 6:42 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai:
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> In determining whether a fee is warranted and/or the amount of the fee, one or more requests from the same requestor or organization can be considered as if it were a single request. It would not be reasonable to allow the same requestor to avoid a fee by making multiple requests. For example, it would not be appropriate or fair to charge one citizen for the costs of providing documents but allow another to avoid the costs by requesting the exact same documents in separate requests.
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> Regards,

Candace

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From: Ivie Szalai [redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request

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I am requesting that you separate these request as they were not made together. I will refine the 3rd request and get back to you.
Thanks, Ivie Szalai

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai:
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> As a follow up to our previous communications, the district is in receipt of your February 1, 2023 FOIA requests below, referred to as REQUEST #1, REQUEST #2, REQUEST #3, and REQUEST #4.
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> **REQUEST #1**
> https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1675267887/beaufortk12scus/e2bboocbna0ogerrwg9y/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestForm_Redacted_10.pdf
>
> Our IT department performed the following email search in response to the above request:

all:("This is a fitting time for each district to review their own purchased texts including those used in classrooms, libraries, and media centers to ensure they are age and content appropriate. Schools and districts should not rely solely on publishers' vetting. We must work alongside students, families, and educators for this process to be successful.")
and has "District and SBE Public Review Memo-Nov. 9, 2021.pdf"
AND
between Nov 1 and Feb 1

This search resulted in a total of 22 messages.

REQUEST #2
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1675619528/beaufortk12scus/nvzvlanotarmoluz4vy7/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestFormInitialResponse_Redacted_1.pdf

Our IT department performed the following email search in response to the above request:

all:("Book Challenges Forum" OR "Resisting Attack on Public Education")
OR
"Book Challenges Forum Resisting the Attacks on Public Education (11.25 × 11.25 in) (8.5 × 11 in).pdf"
OR
"Book Challenges Forum Resisting the Attacks on PublicEducation.pdf"
AND
After Nov 11-Feb 1 23

This search resulted in a total of 43 messages.

REQUEST #3
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1675289237/beaufortk12scus/udsxjvihpvwmaiie2ys7/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestForm_Redacted_13.pdf

Our IT department performed the following email search in response to the above request:

(from:(Ryan.Copeland@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Amy.Trask@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Wendy.Lacombe@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Karen.Gareis@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Elizabeth.Aita@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Karen.Mckenzie@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Melissa.Murray@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Colleen.BeckUngvarsky@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR coxt@apps.anderson1.org OR

jmtyner@greenville.k12.sc.us OR jilltyner@me.com OR katherine_freligh@charleston.k12.sc.us OR emily.drabinski@gmail.com OR wentworthmh@cofc.edu) OR to:(Ryan.Copeland@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Amy.Trask@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Wendy.Lacombe@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Karen.Gareis@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Elizabeth.Aita@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Karen.Mckenzie@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Melissa.Murray@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Colleen.BeckUngvarsky@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us OR coxt@apps.anderson1.org OR jmtyner@greenville.k12.sc.us OR jilltyner@me.com OR katherine_freligh@charleston.k12.sc.us OR emily.drabinski@gmail.com OR wentworthmh@cofc.edu))
AND
all:("book challenge" OR "book challenges" OR "book ban" OR "book bans" OR "book banning" OR "banned book" OR "banned books" OR "book review" OR "human library" OR "DAYLO" OR "Diversity Awareness Youth Literacy Organization" OR "Moms of Liberty" OR "Political" OR "Politics" OR "Vocal Minority")
AND
Oct 15 - Feb 1

This search resulted in a total of 2,647 messages.

These three searches resulted in a total of 2,712 messages. 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 approximately 45.25 hours for an estimated cost of $2,034.44. 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. If you would like our IT department to use different search terms, please send us the specific terms you would like used and resubmit your request(s).

REQUEST #4
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1676844170/beaufortk12scus/wsgxvrfblsbzotqgdsbw/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestFormInitialresponse2_Redacted.pdf

Some of the district employees noted in the above request were present at public community events in which Mr. Haupt was also attending/participating. However, none of the district employees noted in your Feb. 1, 2023 FOIA request below had any official meetings with Jonathan Haupt, or anyone employed by the Pat Conroy Literary Center from October 17, 2022 to February 8, 2023.

Regards,
Candace

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