From: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L
To: "David Cook"
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form- FEE WAIVER
Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 5:47:19 PM

Dear Mr. Cook,

It is not accurate to say we have not responded to your FOIA request within the 30-day window. Your requests were submitted on February 2, 2023, and we responded on February 16, 2023.

It is also inaccurate to say that "Information being requested is not subject to any redaction, lessening the actual time spent." Public documents resulting from email searches need to be reviewed to ensure no redactions are necessary in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(2), (4) and (7).

Regarding your request for a fee waiver, the District already has provided the public with a substantive resource of information regarding the School Library Materials Reconsideration Information on our website: https://www.beaufortschools.net/academics/instructional-programs-support/library-media-services/school-library-materials-reconsideration-information.

Regards,
Candace

From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:10 AM
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>; Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form- FEE WAIVER

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Good morning,
This is outside 30 days.

I'm waiting for a response.
Thank you.

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023, 8:07 PM David Cook <[redacted]> wrote:

> Good morning Dr Bruder,
> Thank you for getting back to me with this information.
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> I am requesting a fee waiver.
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> I'm appealing the costs estimated to be waived under the following classification. As a person seeking information for personal use, for public interest groups, and/or nonprofit organizations, they are examples of requesters who may have fees waived. Information being requested is not subject to any redaction, lessening the actual time spent.
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> Fees can be waived by the district if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the school district and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. Additionally, it may also reduce the number of similar FOIA requests. The information obtained in this request will be shared with several public interest groups and local organizations via meetings and emails, so as to lessen the burden on the district Communications office in regards to the subject matter requested.
>
> Thank you for your consideration.
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> Regards,
> David Cook
> Sent from my iPad
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> > On Feb 16, 2023, at 6:11 PM, Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:
> >
> > Dear Mr. Cook,
> >
> > The district is in receipt of your February 2, 2023 FOIA requests below, referred to as REQUEST #1 and REQUEST #2.
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> > **REQUEST #1**
> > https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1675368948/beaufortk12scus/wjd3eafqoixvehtgaefo/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestForm_Redacted_16.pdf
> >
> > Our IT department performed the following email search in response to the above request:

From mary.stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us
AND
all:("model policy")
AND
6/1/22-11/1/22

This search resulted in a total of 34 messages.

REQUEST #2
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1675368995/beaufortk12scus/t930nf8vmulbcplkzkge/Re_FreedomofInformationActFOIARequestForm_Redacted_17.pdf

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

all:("Model policy for Library/Media Center Materials" OR "Reconsideration Process")
November 1 2021 – June 1 2022

This search resulted in a total of 229 messages.

These two searches resulted in in a total of 263 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 4.5 hours for an estimated cost of $202.30. 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).

Regards,
Candace

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