From: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D; [redacted]; Cox, Chad D; Stratos, Mary E
Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 9:23:57 AM
Attachments: Titles.pdf

Dear Mr. Cook,
Dr. Stratos is only aware of the May River High School request that was noted in our prior response: "Based on your clarifying information, I believe you are referring to the fact that May River High School administration brought forth the suggestion to Dr. Stratos of having *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *Speak*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, and *The Kite Runner* being reviewed early on." As you know, the FOIA does not pertain to answering questions, but does apply to public documents. Dr. Stratos has kindly provided the attached public document responsive to this specific request.
Regards,
Candace

From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:27 AM
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>; Stratos, Mary E <Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Susana Cook <[redacted]>; Cox, Chad D <Chad.Cox@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Good morning,
Thank you for getting back to me.
This is exactly what my initial request indicated.
That's exactly what my initial response stated.

Dr Stratos indicated, that educators requested the review of certain titles, in the media..
I appreciate this information.

It was indicated there are multiple titles being reviewed due to interest from educators.

Can I get the titles of the books requested by any district or school staff, to be reviewed? Not just the titles mentioned by Dr Stratos.
It's my understanding there's more than just 3 titles.
I'd also like the names of the people who requested the review of these books first. Including the staff at May River HS, if that's the case for now.

Even FOIA requests to municipalities generate a phone call if clarification is needed. I apologize for any confusion.
I believe emails generate confusion due to lack of interaction. They're great for quantifiable data

though.

Thank you very much for your assistance on this.

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023, 6:16 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
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> Your original FOIA request stated, “Of the books on the list that are being challenged, that have been reviewed as of March 1, I am looking for the following information. I am looking for names of educators or staff requesting the review of any books on the challenged material list.”
> Please keep in mind that as per SC FOIA law, the agency is not required to create a new public record, which is why we asked that you please provide specific search terms and dates so our IT department could run a public record search responsive to your request.
> Your most recent email below did provide some further clarification, “We just want to know which teachers have selected books on the review list, which titles were selected, that they requested an early review in order to be used in the classroom… Dr Stratos told committee members and the public that there were educators who requested books (of the 97 pulled for review under IS38.1) to be reviewed for the purpose being able to use them in classrooms.”
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> Based on your clarifying information, I believe you are referring to the fact that May River High School administration brought forth the suggestion to Dr. Stratos of having *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *Speak*, *The Handmaid’s Tale*, and *The Kite Runner* being reviewed early on.
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> Regards,
> Candace
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2023 2:41 PM
> **To:** Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Stratos, Mary E <Mary.Stratos@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>; Cox, Chad D <Chad.Cox@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Susana Cook <[redacted]>
> **Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
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> Good morning Dr Bruder,
> As an information officer, from time to time you're responsible for compiling information sought by the public.
> I'm not looking for specific emails.

We just want to know which teachers have selected books on the review list, which titles were selected, that they requested an early review in order to be used in the classroom.

You sent me a list of librarians that was compiled by someone. This is almost identical to what I'm requesting.

I am trying to find out which teachers communicated with Dr Stratos office, to have books reviewed.

[redacted] and you've wound the lock down intentionally avoiding providing me with the information I've requested.
This information allows us to make that determination in a manner we see fit. We are trying to determine who we believe has been most engaged in purchasing books that are on the review list. We'd like to be able to steer clear of any conflict by knowing this information now.
Dr Stratos asked me to ask you for this information.
Her office has the information I have requested.

Regarding IS 38.1

Dr Stratos told committee members and the public that there were educators who requested books (of the 97 pulled for review under IS38.1) to be reviewed for the purpose being able to use them in classrooms.
This was made clear in the media.

I made a request to Dr Stratos for the list of educators or district staff, who requested that certain titles be reviewed first.
Dr Stratos and/or her staff knows which books were requested review by educators. She has the information and either her or her staff can compile this list of educators who requested early review.

Instructional services posseses this information.
Please ask Dr Stratos or her staff to provide you with the names of the teachers who requested early review of the first books reviewed as of today's date, April 17, 2023.

You previously obtained a list of all librarians employed by the district. I know another office compiled that list.

Dr Rodriguez encouraged us to seek alternate lessons if there's reading materials or lesson materials we object to.
We would prefer to plan ahead for next year seeing as the district is not following the model review policy provided by the state.

If you'd prefer to expose [redacted] to sexually explicit materials in the classroom, perhaps my

wife and I need a meeting in person with you, to dig a little deeper into your desire to impede our progress and intended abuse of [redacted], by not providing us with the requested information.

I look forward to hearing from anyone regarding this matter tomorrow. I'd prefer not to go through the legal system and that process because it's a waste of taxpayer money.

I can be reached by anyone at [redacted] to speak with anyone regarding this manner.

Thank you.

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023, 9:37 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
> As noted in our previous correspondence on March 13, 2023, the FOIA pertains to public records. We also asked that you please provide specific search terms so our IT department could run a search responsive to your request.
> The FOIA does not require agencies to create new documents. Although your response did not clearly denote specific search terms apart from the book titles, book authors, and date range, Communications requested the below search be run in alignment with the information you did provide. (Please note: The overall search was broken down into three searches due to the system's capacity to run a search of this size and scope.)
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> all:("The Handmaid's Tale" OR "Margaret Atwood" OR "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" OR "Stephen Chbosky" OR "Speak" OR "Laurie Halse Anderson" OR "The Kite Runner" OR "Khaled Hosseini" OR "The Lovely Bones" OR "Alice Sebold" OR "Stamped" OR "Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds" OR "Milk and Honey" OR "Rupi Kaur" OR "The Freedom Writers Diary" OR "Erin Gruwell" OR "Looking for Alaska" OR "John Green" OR "It Ends With Us" OR "Colleen Hoover" OR "Impulse" OR "Ellen Hopkins" OR "Glass" OR "Go Ask Alice" OR "Crank" OR "Thirteen Reasons Why" OR "Jay Asher" OR "The Poet X" OR "Elizabeth Acevedo" OR "Eleanor and Park" OR "Rainbow Rowell" OR "Grown")
> AND
> all:("review" OR "teacher")
> AND
> 10/1/22-3/15/23
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> all:("Tiffany D. Jackson" OR "I'll Give You the Sun" OR "Jandy Nelson" OR "Monday's Not Coming" OR "Tiffany D. Jackson" OR "Nineteen Minutes" OR "Jodi Picoult" OR "Sold" OR "Patricia McCormick" OR "All the Things We Do In The Dark" OR "Saundra Mitchell" OR "City of Heavenly Fire" OR "Cassandra Clare" OR "I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter")

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The above searches resulted in a total of 140,434 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 2,341 hours, for an estimated cost of $105,251.36. 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.

Regards,
Candace

From: David Cook <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:02 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 Form

Hello
I apologize for the additional email.
My response is below.
Thank you!
Which teachers, from which schools, selected these books for review.
Oct 1, 2022- March 15, 2023
Thank you

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- Tilt by Ellen Hopkins
- Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Yolk by Mary H.K. Choi

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 16, 2023, at 3:28 PM, Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. Cook,

We received two emails (see below) in response to our request for specific search terms and dates so that our IT department can run a search responsive to your request.

Your first email requested we run a search for 97 titles, the second email requested we run a search for 36 titles. Please let us know which one is correct.

Your first email requested a date range of October 20, 2022 to March 13, 2023. Your second email requested a date range of October 1, 2022 to March 15, 2023. Please let us know which one is correct.

Your first email requested a search term of book titles. Your second email requested search terms of book titles and authors. Please let us know which one is correct.

Your first email indicates requested search terms of "review" and "IS 38.1". Your second email indicates requested search terms of "teacher" and "review". Please let us know which search terms are correct.

Thank you,
Candace

EMAIL RESPONSE #1

EMAIL RESPONSE #2

From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:46 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>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Regards,

David Cook
[redacted]

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On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 4:46 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
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> The district is in receipt of your March 2, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The FOIA pertains to public records. Please provide specific search terms and dates so our IT department can run a search responsive to your request.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
>
> Candace Bruder, Ed.D.
> Communications Officer
> Beaufort County School District

843-322-2432 (office)
843-941-9178 (cell)
candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; 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 Form

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	DAVID COOK
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	Good morning, Can you please provide me with the following as Dr Stratos knows the answer but did not want to respond per FOIA. Of the books on the list that are being challenged, that have been reviewed as of March 1, I am looking for the following information. I am looking for names of educators or staff requesting the review of any books on the challenged material list. Specifically, Name of teacher/staff and title of challenged book submitted for review.

You can edit this submission and view all your submissions easily.