From: Bruder, Candace L
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: FW: FOIA Request
Date: Friday, October 20, 2023 9:35:31 AM

Dear Mr. Bisi,

Please see the below response to your October 3, 2023 FOIA request that was sent on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Regards,
Candace

From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:00 PM
To: [redacted]
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: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi,

The district is in receipt of your October 3, 2023 FOIA request. Our IT department ran an email search for public documents responsive to your request from Aug. 1, 2022 to October 3, 2023. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(B), the BCSD estimates retrieval, and redaction, if necessary, of documents to respond to your request will require 5 hours, for an estimated cost of $131.70. 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.

Dr. Candace Bruder
Beaufort County School District
2900 Mink Point Blvd.
Beaufort, SC 29902
There were no email records to/from csgwozdz@gmail.com or geierrichardp@gmail.com responsive to your request.
The district is in the process of reaching out to our cellphone provider to request any text messages responsive to your request (if they exist).
Regards,
Candace

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: 'btolley@islandpacket.com' <btolley@islandpacket.com>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>
Subject: FOIA Request

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October 3, 2023
To: The Custodian of Records and/or the Freedom of Information Officer for the Beaufort County School District

RE: **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir/Madam or Custodian of Records:

Under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §30-4-10, et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect and/or obtain copies*of public records, including, but not limited to, emails, correspondence, documents, text messages, and any other materials pertaining to the following:

1. The hiring of, and the independent consulting contracts between, Dr. Herb Berg and Superintendent Frank Rodriguez, from August 1, 2022 to the present;

2. Any/all communications, to include emails and text messages, to/from/between Dr. Berg and any district employee, elected official, and/or the following email addresses, as it pertains to the hiring and independent consulting contracts for Berg.

[redacted]

Copy of any communication from any electronic device that is transacting government business

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed $50.00. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest.

While the statute allows for ten business days to respond this request I ask you expediate this matter since it is extremely time sensitive.

Please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Sincerely,

Richard Bisi