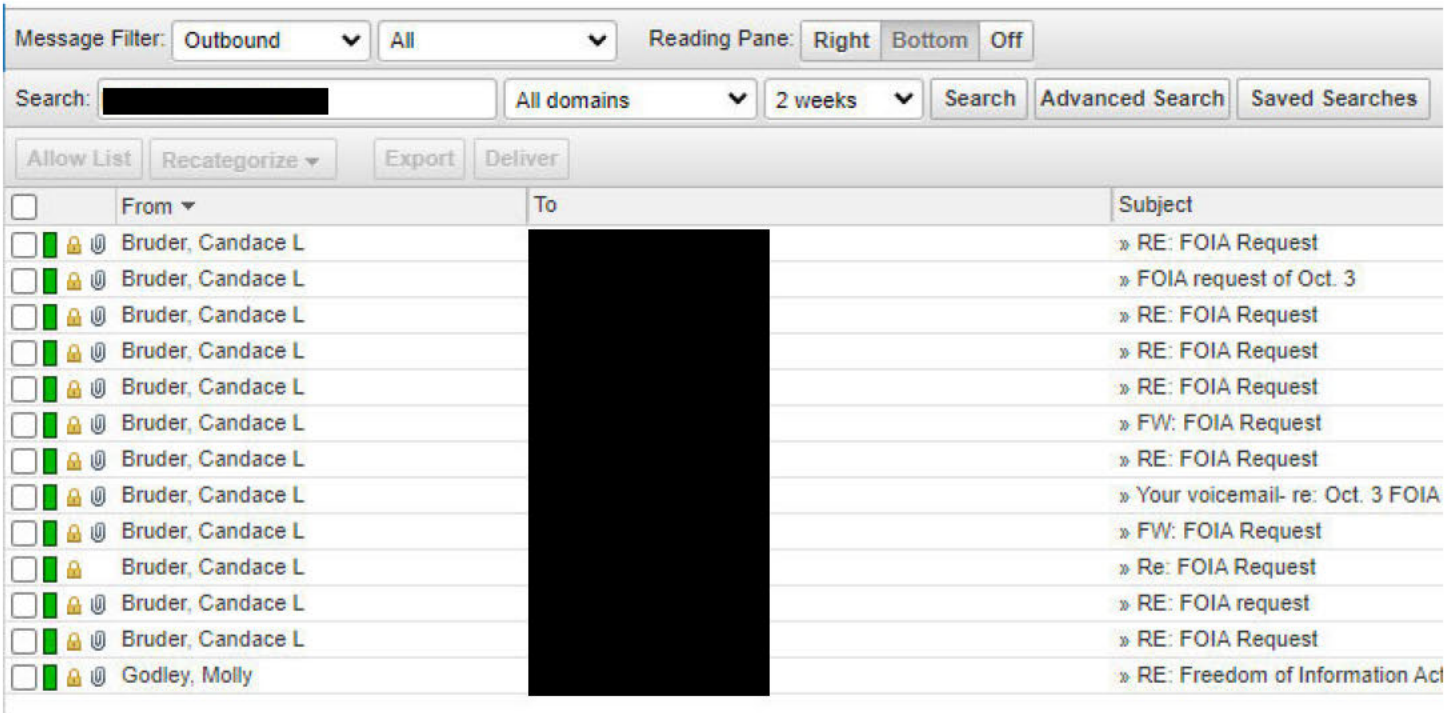
Godley, Molly D

From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:21 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi,

I did not receive notification that any emails I sent to you did not go through. I reached out to our IT department and they confirmed that the messages were delivered to your email provider as per the below screenshot:



I am happy to resend you the emails individually as per the suggestion of your internet provider. I hope this helps get to the bottom of this.

We will be sure to mail any future responses, in addition to sending them by email, in the event you continue to experience email issues. Please let us know the best mailing address to send them to. Thank you.

Regards,
Candace

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@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>; 'wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov' <wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>
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Candace

There appears to be an ongoing issue with your emails sent to me re my FOIA request of Oct. 3, 2023.

I am receiving some of them but not ALL of them.

I spoke this morning with my internet provider and they told me the following;

1. When your emails to me do not go through (as happened with your email of Oct. 16, Oct 19 and Oct 20) you would have been notified that the email did not go through.

2. My internet provider also suggested that you forward those emails to me. You created a PDF for those emails and sent to me last Friday but that can be problematic. I need to have those emails forwarded to me. And as I already informed you, they are not in my SPAM folder.

Regards,

Richard

From: "Bruder, Candace L"
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D"
Sent: Friday October 20 2023 5:44:35PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

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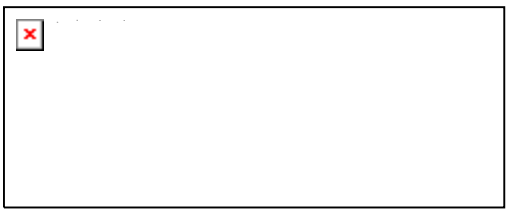
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Dr. Candace Bruder
Beaufort County School District
2900 Mink Point Blvd.
Beaufort, SC 29902

There were no email records to/from [redacted] or [redacted] 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).

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To: [redacted]
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Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 9:36 AM
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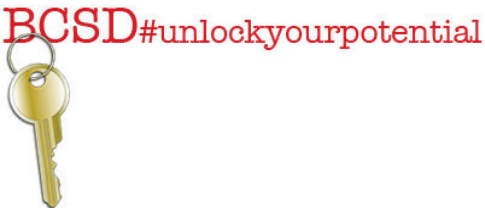
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Attachments: RE_ FOIA Request Oct. 16 response.pdf; RE_ FOIA request_Oct. 19 response.pdf; FW_ FOIA Request_Oct. 20 response 2.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:35 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Rowland, Gillian C; Godley, Molly D
Subject: FW: FOIA Request

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I am resending the below email as per your request this morning.

Regards,
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Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 12:30 PM
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Subject: FW: Your voicemail- re: Oct. 3 FOIA request

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 5:44 PM
To: [redacted]
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We reforwarded the referenced response emailed to you on October 16, 2023, as well as the link to the response that has been publicly posted on our website.

Additionally, you noted in your voicemail that your October 3, 2023 FOIA request was listed as “pending” on our website. This is not accurate. Your October 6, 2023 FOIA request is listed as such.

Hope this provides the clarification you are seeking.

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Subject: FW: FOIA Request
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You may wish to reach out to your email provider if you are not receiving emails properly. Attached is the email that was sent to you on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 in response to the email you sent at 2:17 p.m. that same day.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2023 7:01 AM

To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@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>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>; 'wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov' <wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov>
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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 7:51 AM
To: Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Cc: "btolley@islandpacket.com", "mdimitrov@islandpacket.com"
Sent: Tuesday October 3 2023 12:30:10PM
Subject: FOIA Request

October 3, 2023

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Still no response. Crickets!!!!

Richard

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Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 11:52 AM
To: Bruder, 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>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>; 'wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov' <wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov>
Subject: FOIA request of Oct. 3

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Candace,

Since no one from the District has been responsive to my questions, I put a check in the mail today to cover the 25% deposit for my FOIA request of Oct. 3rd. Hopefully, you
will ackowledge receipt of that deposit and produce the information I am seeking in a timely manner since the FOIA request is time sensitive and in the public interest.

Regards,

Richard Bisi

Godley, Molly D

From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:40 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Godley, Molly D; Rowland, Gillian C
Subject: FW: FOIA Request
Attachments: FOIA request of Oct. 3_Oct. 23 email.pdf

Dear Mr. Bisi,

I am resending the below email as per your request this morning.

Regards,
Candace

Dr. Candace Bruder | Communications Officer
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From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:07 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,

As a follow-up to the below email I sent this morning, I will let the finance department know you have decided to pay via check in leiu of credit card as per the attached email I subsequently received from you. As such, you will no longer be receiving a phone call from our finance department to process payment.

Regards,
Candace

From: Bruder, Candace L
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 10:36 AM

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,

As conveyed in the attached email sent to you on Friday, October 20, 2023 the District will respond to your request within the timeframe required by the FOIA statute.

We will have someone from the finance department reach out to you at [redacted] to process your credit card payment.

Regards,
Candace

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:43 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Bruder, 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>; 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>; 'wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov' <wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Candace,

Can I get an answer to my queston I submitted on Friday afternoon and that is;

I am prepared to send a check for the deposit as you outlined. But I need to know how quickly the district will respond because my FOIA request is 1.Very time sensitive and 2.Very much in the public interest

I also called the District office this morning re paying the deposit by credit card over the phone. I could not get an answer and was finally directed to Wendy Cartledge where I left a voice mail.

Still no response. Crickets!!!!

Richard

From: [redacted]
To: Candace L"
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D", "mdimitrov@islandpacket.com", "wbwhite@ethics.sc.gov"
Sent: Saturday October 21 2023 7:01:28AM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Candace,

I am not sure what is going on but there is NOTHING from the school district in my spam folder.

The first email I received re my FOIA request was on Friday, Oct 20 @ 8:35 am. As a result, there has been a one week delay.

Meanwhile,

I sent you this email at 2:17pm on Friday and need an immediate response.

I am prepared to send a check for the deposit as you outlined. But I need to know how quickly the district will respond because my FOIA request is 1.Very time sensitive and 2.Very much in the public interest

Thank you.

Richard Bisi

From: "Bruder, Candace L"
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D"
Sent: Friday October 20 2023 5:44:35PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi-

Please see the attached emails that have been sent to you, starting on Oct. 16. You may wish to check your spam folder to see if they ended up there.

Regards,
Candace

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@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: FOIA Request

Just to be clear, this email sent this morning at 8:35 is the FIRST email I have received from the District re my FOIA request.

Richard Bisi

From: "Bruder, Candace L"
To: [redacted]
Cc: Wendy B", Gillian C", Molly D"
Sent: Friday October 20 2023 8:35:04AM
Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bisi-

As conveyed in yesterday's email, the district responded to your October 3, 2023 FOIA request on Monday, October 16, 2023: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1697571587/beaufortk12scus/cwpc040ps278bpthu86w/Redacted_Response_RE_FOIARequest.pdf.

Regards,
Candace

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 7:51 AM
To: Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: 'mdimitrov@islandpacket.com' <mdimitrov@islandpacket.com>
Subject: FW: FOIA Request

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Please consider this email as a follow up to my email of October 19th, wherein I inquired as to the status of my FOIA Request dated October 3, 2023 (see below).

The statute required a response by October 18th. Thus far, I have not received any reply from your office. Perhaps this lack of the required reply was in error; therefore, please consider this email as a timely reminder a reply is due.

As you know, this matter is extremely time sensitive.

Sincerely,

Richard Bisi

From: [redacted]
To: "wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us", "Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us"
Cc: "btolley@islandpacket.com", "mdimitrov@islandpacket.com"
Sent: Tuesday October 3 2023 12:30:10PM
Subject: FOIA Request

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