From: Ivie Szalai
To: Bruder, Candace L
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Godley, Molly D; Rowland, Gillian C
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:57:02 PM

So are you saying the SCDE supplied something that they did not have to? Would that not set precedence for the districts that operate under them to do the same thing?
Isn't taking a screenshot of an email to provide in a FOIA request, making a new document?
Additionally, after looking through a few foias on the districts webpage, the district has supplied information without there being a document supplied such as Mr. Terry Bennet's FOIA on July 27, 2023 asking for "Number of Student IPads, Computers, Hot Spots, and Laptops Lost or Damaged beyond use for the 22-23 school vear". The district replied with the information not a document.
There are numerous reasons for the district to fill this request and only one for them not, to protect the offenders.
I hope that the district will reconsider their position on this matter.
Thanks, Ivie

Ivie Szalai

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 1:23 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai,
>
> As previously stated, FOIA requires the public body to make public records available. Taking a screenshot of an online platform would be creating a new document. As per South Carolina Code of Laws Section 30-4-20 (c)/Section 30-4-30 (2), FOIA does not require agencies to create a new document as would be the case here.
>
> Additionally, the activity log interface referenced on our school Facebook platforms does not show activity on non-district pages by school Facebook accounts; we are unable to determine what specific individual may have interacted with a non-district post via the school's Facebook page as we have multiple administrators for each page.
>
> Regards,

Candace

Dr. Candace Bruder | Communications Officer

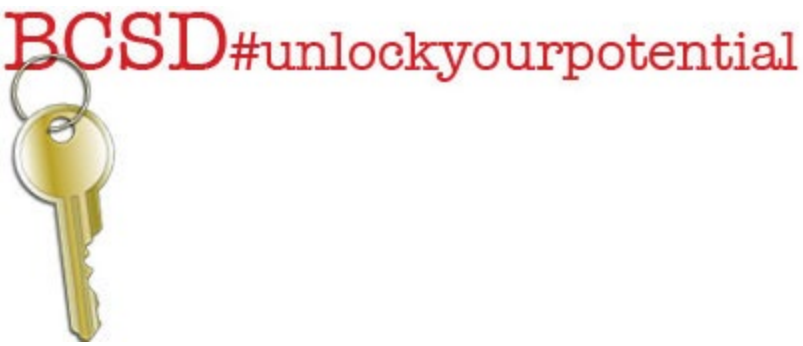
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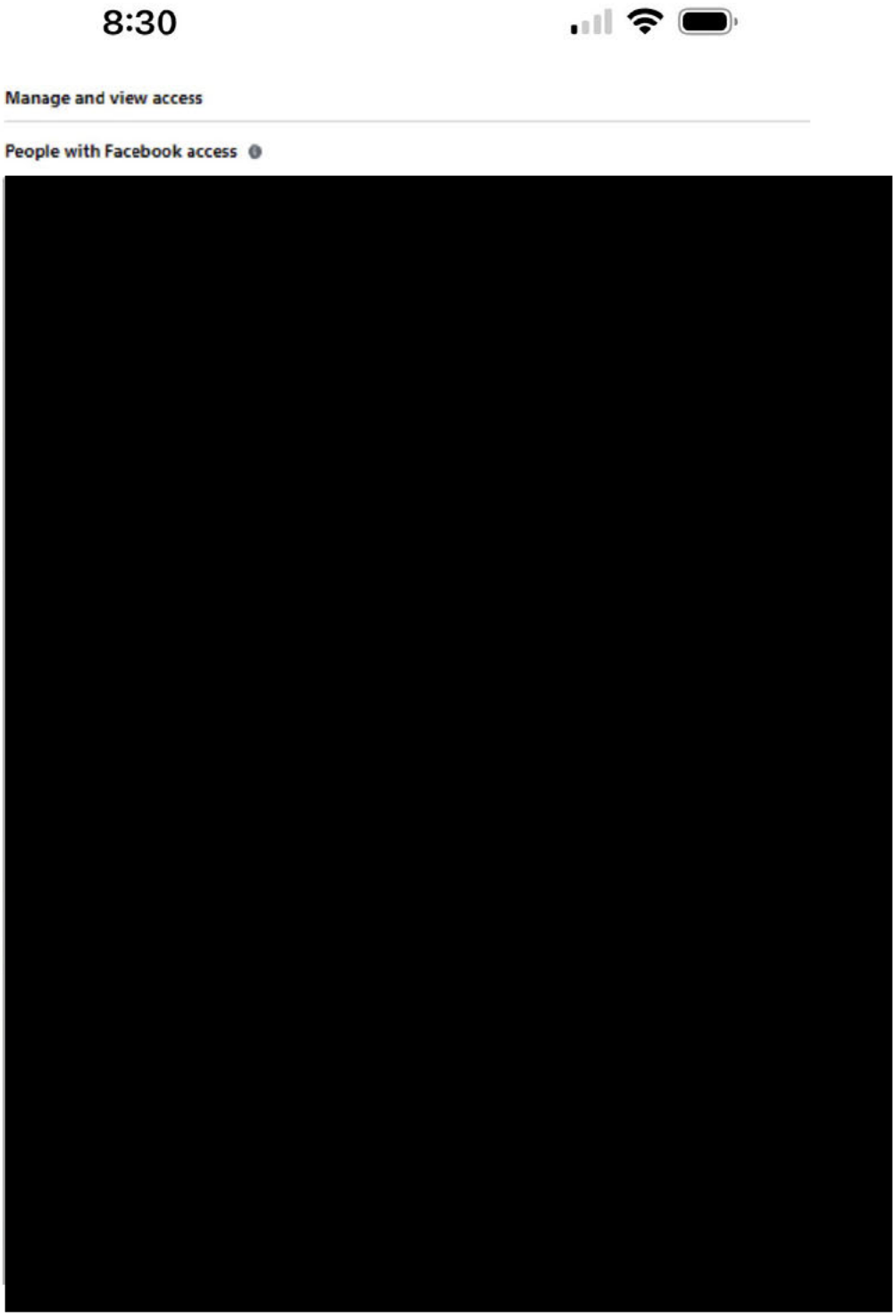
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Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 8:34 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <Gillian.Rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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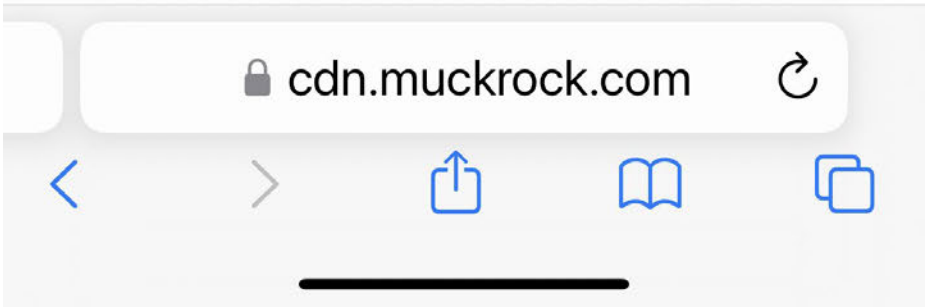
I can perhaps understand if one person/school account did it but two is more than coincidence. I have other pages that I help manage so I know the process that needs to be done. It's not a slip of the hand. It is purposeful to switch from one account to the other.

As far as not being existing documents, social media records are considered public information. The documents simply exist in electronic form similar to email. Please see the link below where the SCDE filled a request similar to this. This sets a precedence.

https://www.muckrock.com/foi/south-carolina-302/south-carolina-department-of-education-sc-social-media-settings-128019/

This is no different than looking up an email, making a copy of it, then publishing it for a public records request. For what I'm asking, you simply go into the Facebook page at the pages admins, make a copy, and supply it. Picture example provided below from the FOIA link above. There is also an activity log for the page that you can copy and supply.





Ivie Szalai

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 1:31 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai,
>
> Per South Carolina Code of Laws Section 30-4-20 (c)/Section 30-4-30 (2), this request is outside of the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act since it does not ask for copies of existing public documents. Rather, it is asking a general question/it is asking us to create a public record.
>
> It appears the actions you referred to in your accompanying email occurred accidentally, as a result of improper toggling of one's personal Facebook account to that of the school's. We greatly appreciate you bringing this to our attention so these actions could be reversed upon receipt of your request.
>
> Regards,
>
> Candace

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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	Elizabeth Szalai
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	I am requesting the name(s) of whoever has administrator rights for both the Beaufort Middle and HE McCrakin Middle School's Facebook pages. This would include anyone who has access to utilize the school's Facebook page to post, like, or comment on behalf of the school. Additionally, I am asking for the log of who was active and liked these comments on behalf of the school. This took place on the Beaufort Gazette Facebook page where they posted an article about the 60 Minutes show. I will send pictures via email of the article and comments that I am referencing. Thank you

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