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: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:40:33 AM

While Col. Geier does not work for the District, he went on a National tv show without any disclaimer that these were his own opinions, thoughts, etc. So in essence, it appeared that he was representing the board and district. While you cannot speculate what his thoughts are, you can ask him what his own words were in reference to. Maybe he can give you the documentation that I'm asking for.
This is not a simple email search. This is asking for any documentation that would substantiate Col. Geier's claims. I shouldn't have to provide certain search words for you to fulfill this request or come up with a cost. It should be minimal if it was a half dozen reports. You either know it exist or it doesn't. As Chief Information Officer it is your job to also communicate actions of the board. This was one board member seemingly acting on behalf of the board and quite possibly telling untruths. I am asking for you to prove what he said was true. That should be easy enough. By bogging this down and asking me to provide search terms seems to be a stonewall tactic.
You can either provide the substantiation or I will assume that there is none. I cannot imagine if a parent came into the school and acted like that to a staff member, that it would not be documented.
Look forward to hearing back from you soon.
Thanks, Ivie

Ivie Szalai

On Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 8:00 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai,
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> Please see the attached public document that appears to be responsive to your March 5, 2024 FOIA request.
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> *"I am requesting any substantiation to this claim made by Col. Geier on a national tv show to include but not limited to written reports, email, text messages…"*

In order to further respond to this portion of your request, please provide the exact search terms and timeframe to be utilized so the district can accurately estimate the scope of work associated with the request. The more explicit the request is, the more accurate the results will be. For example, a list of terms should be in an "AND" or "OR" statement but can also be both. AND/OR statements should also be included in the request for email addresses and dates requested.

"if phone calls were made by the Superintendent, to whom, to discuss the issue."

Confirming via public documents if phone calls were made to unspecified individuals about an unspecified "issue" is not possible.

"Additionally, I am requesting which librarians and which schools these events took place at."

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. If you would like IT to run a search, please provide the exact search terms to be utilized as "these events" is unclear.

Please keep in mind that the district is unable to speculate as to what a Board member (who is not a district employee) may have been referencing, interpreting, or paraphrasing in a media interview that was arranged independently of the district.

Regards,
Candace

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From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
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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]

	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	I am requesting any substantiation to this claim made by Col. Geier on a national tv show to include but not limited to written reports, email, text messages, and if phone calls were made by the Superintendent, to whom, to discuss the issue. Additionally I am requesting which librarians and which schools these events took place at. Dick Geier: We've had a parent come in and tell a librarian that, "You are violating a state statute by providing pornography to a minor. I'm going to the sheriff. I'm going to have you arrested," and storm out. Now that's not just happened once, that's happened multiple times at multiple schools. I even got an email saying, "OK, the sheriff said no, the solicitor said no, I'm going to the FBI!" Thank you for your time.

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