From: Bruder, Candace L
To: [redacted]
Cc: Godley, Molly D; Cartledge, Wendy B
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 6:25:04 PM

Dr. Demirhan,

Upon review of the 535 messages provided by our IT department responsive to your request, it was discovered the pull exceeds 15,000 pages. Before proceeding, we are reaching out to see if you would like to narrow your request or if you'd like us to provide you with an updated cost estimate since the length of email responses is significantly larger than anticipated and we will need to go thru each page thoroughly to ensure we are in compliance with FERPA.

For example, there is one community member that has an ongoing email chain that is nearly 200 pages that appears in IT's pulled search dozens of times. Please let us know if you would like to narrow your search by removing emails from this individual.

Additionally, if you were to further narrow your search you may want to consider removing the terms "pray" and "prayer" as it's not atypical for these terms to show up in emails in the context of "you're in my thoughts and prayers" or "we're praying for you" in situations that are not likely responsive to your request. Additionally, these terms are also commonly found in headlines in daily email briefs from external news organizations.

Again, please advise if you would like us to provide you with an updated cost estimate or further narrow your search.

Regards,
Candace

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT **COMMUNICATIONS**

From: foia foia [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Great, thank you!

Ansev Demirhan
History PhD
Researcher, True North Research

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 4:30 PM Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Dr. Demirhan,
>
> The district received your check for the full payment on 9/17 and has begun work on your request. Once complete, we will send all responsive documents within the timeframe required by the FOIA statute.
>
> Regards,
>
> Molly Godley
> Communications Specialist
> Molly Godley
> Beaufort County School District Office
> C: 843-962-4753
> O: 843-322-5933
> Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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> BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS
>
> **From:** Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:17 AM
> **To:** foia foia [redacted]
> **Cc:** Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
>
> Dear Dr. Demirhan,
> Please make all checks out to the Beaufort County School District and send to the district's Communication Officer, Candace Bruder's attention:
> Dr. Candace Bruder (FOIA)
> Beaufort County School District
> 2900 Mink Point Blvd.
> Beaufort, SC 29902

No reference number is required.
Regards,

Molly Godley
Communications Specialist
Beaufort County School District Office
C: 843-962-4753
O: 843-322-5933
Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

From: foia foia [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Thank you, Molly,

Who should I make the check out to and is there a reference number to use?

Thank you,
Ansev Demirhan
History PhD
Researcher, True North Research

On Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 4:28 PM Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Dr. Demirhan,
>
> Our IT department ran an inclusive search using the terms in your latest request. Again, this search resulted in 535 emails. *Please note that the district is not able to easily identify how many of these messages may be mass-distribution emails without a thorough review.*
>
> 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 approximately 9 hours, for an estimated cost of $237.06. 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 the district's Communication Officer, Candace Bruder's attention.

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

If you would like to further refine the scope of your request, please submit another FOIA request online.

Regards,

Molly Godley
Communications Specialist
Beaufort County School District Office
C: 843-962-4753
O: 843-322-5933
Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us

From: foia foia [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:25 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: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Hi Candace,

Apologies for the delayed response. In this version of our request we asked for "All written communications **to and from** the aforementioned school board members or Superintendent that include any of the following phrases:
'Moms for Libraries'
'Sex ed' or 'sex education'
Porn" or "pornography'
'Pray" or "prayer'"

and not "between" the school members and superintendent. That's why I wanted to clarify. I am happy to send that check, but likely the cost will be higher with the "to and from" search parameters. Thanks so much for making sure that is right,

All the best,

Ansev

Ansev Demirhan
History PhD
Researcher, True North Research

On Tue, May 21, 2024 at 4:23 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Dr. Demirhan,
>
> A search for all messages “to and from the aforementioned school board members or Superintendent” with the terms and the abbreviations requested resulted in 535 emails as it covered anyone/everyone. *Please note that the district is not able to easily identify how many of these messages may be mass-distribution emails without a thorough review.*
>
> In following up with our IT department with regards to your follow-up question, it has been clarified that there are two messages "between" the individuals noted in your request that have the word “pray”. The first message was already provided in response to your December 5, 2023 FOIA request. The second message contains information of a personal nature where the public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy is in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) SECTION 30-4-40(a)(2).
>
> Hope this provides the clarification you needed. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have additional questions.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
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> **From:** foia foia [redacted]
> **Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2024 3:17 PM
> **To:** Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
>
> Dear Dr. Bruder,
>
> Thank you for your response!

I just want to confirm that the search that you conducted and found no results for was not "the written communications between Elizabeth Hey, Victor Ney and Dr. Frank Rodriguez that included the phrases provided in your request" but rather "All written communications **to and from** the aforementioned school board members or Superintendent that include any of the following phrases."

Once you confirm, I would be happy to send the full amount of the cost estimate.

All the best,

Ansev Demirhan

History PhD

Researcher, True North Research

On Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 4:39 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Dr. Demirhan,
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> Our IT department ran an inclusive search for the timeframe, individuals, and specific domains provided in your April 8, 2024, FOIA request which yielded zero results. A search was also conducted for the written communications between Elizabeth Hey, Victor Ney and Dr. Frank Rodriguez that included the phrases provided in your request. This search yielded zero messages.
>
> A search for all messages “to and from the aforementioned school board members or Superintendent” with the terms and the abbreviations requested resulted in 535 emails. *Please note that the district is not able to easily identify how many of these messages may be mass-distribution emails without a thorough review.*

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 approximately 9 hours, for an estimated cost of $237.06. 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 (FOIA)

Beaufort County School District

2900 Mink Point Blvd.

Beaufort, SC 29902

If you would like to further refine the scope of your request, please submit another FOIA request online.

Regards,

Candace

Dr. Candace Bruder | Communications Officer

Beaufort County School District | Beaufort, SC 29902

Office: 843-322-2432

Cell: 843-941-9178

Email: candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:55 PM
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>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	Ansev Demirhan
Organization (if applicable):	True North Research
Address:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	*Please note that we have included specific elements to exclude and some other tweaks from prior requests. Thank you* Dear public records officer, Pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30, I hereby request the following records: All written communications to and from the school board members Victor Ney, Elizabeth Hey or Superintendent Frank Rodriguez and the following organizations: "Momsforliberty.org" "defendinged.org" "iwf.org" "Iwv.org" "Iwnetwork.org" "alec.org" "civicsalliance.org" "nolefttum.us" "Goldwaterinstitute.org" "frc.org" "palmettofamily.org" "vermilioneducation.com" "fairforall.org"

"MomsforAmerica.net"
"mfaaction.com"
"prageru.com"
"Worldlibraryassociation.org"
"scparentsinvolvedineducation.org"
"liveaction.org"
"mysbma.org"
"americanparentscoalition.org"
"freetolearn.org"

All written communications to and from the aforementioned school board members or Superintendent that include any of the following phrases:
"Moms for Libraries"
"Sex ed" or "sex education"
"Porn" or "pornography"
"Pray" or "prayer"

The scope of this request includes, but is not limited to, emails and attachments (in any form, documents, images, pdfs, spreadsheets etc.) either sent or received, all draft records, briefing books, memos, notes, minutes, scheduling records (including calendars, appointments, and invitations), text messages, other correspondence (internal and external) by mail, delivered in person or sent electronically, and all other records.

The search for records is limited to those sent, received, and created between January 2022 and the date of your final response.

Please note that this request includes all emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as personal accounts if used to communicate about public policy. This request also includes any and all records available through a web hyperlink, including otherwise public records that are password protected.

This request excludes the mailing of mass-distribution emails, except subsequent communications forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. For example, if an official received a mass-distribution news clip email from Moms for America, that email would not be responsive to this request. However, if the school board member or Superintendent forwarded that email to another individual with their own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

Please also exclude any publicly released school or district newsletters. Also exclude any duplicative messages.

I am making this request on behalf of True North Research, a media requestor. The records provided in response to this request will be made available to the general public and the disclosure of the materials would be in the public interest, benefiting public understanding of the workings of governments. As such, a waiver of any fees is requested.

In the event of fees, please inform me of the total amount before fulfilling my request. I request that these records be provided in electronic form and in their native format.

If you choose to deny any part of this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) claimed. Additionally, since a request for records has been initiated and True North plans to enforce its rights under the law, the requested records and related records should be preserved.

Thank you for your time. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ansev Demirhan

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