From: Bruder, Candace L
To: Jada Garris
Cc: Godley, Molly D; Cartledge, Wendy B; Middleton, Angela D
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 5:27:03 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Ms. Garris,

We appreciate you bringing these inconsistencies to our attention. We are looking into the matter and will be in touch with the appropriate corrections.

Regards,
Candace

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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

From: Jada Garris [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 7:47 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; JadaGarris@aol.com
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Middleton, Angela D <Angela.Middleton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Ms. Bruder,
Thank you for your response.
Throughout the document redactions are made for certain information, but the same information is not redacted in other places. For instance, contact information for Aiken County Public Schools is redacted on pages 34 and 23 but is not redacted on pages 26 and 28.
In addition, the actual cost of North Augusta High School is redacted on page 26, but is not redacted on page 23.
Architect information has been disclosed for some projects, but has been redacted for others.
(See attachments)

Disclosing public information is not a "district practice", but is **required** under FOIA. The redactions in this proposal are neither appropriate, nor are they in accordance with SC law. In fact, the opposite is true. The redactions are violations of FOIA.

Based on the three exemptions that were cited in your FOIA response, when Aiken County School District's name and address were redacted on page 34, was it because:

- this information is attorney-client privileged? *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(7).*
- this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by state law? *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(4).*
- the district's contact information is personal and would invade their privacy? *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(2).*

The exemption(s) that you are claiming for each redaction would be better understood if they were explained. Again, could you please cite the exemption(s) for each individual redaction?

Thank you,
Jada Garris
[redacted]

Actual cost

Similar Renovation Projects

North Augusta High School, Aiken County Public Schools



This was an extensive CMR that replaced the existing North Augusta High School in multiple phases. The original additional renovations and additions were planned as an eight-phase master plan of the campus. This changed with the passage of a sales tax referendum when H.G. Reynolds was brought on board and allowed for several of the original phases to be combined.

Phase 1 included the construction of the two-story Science and Technology Building.

Phase 2 consisted of demolishing 48,000 SF of the original buildings adjacent to Phase 1 and replacing them with over 200,000 SF of new construction. This phase included the kitchen/cafeteria, media center, administration area, main classroom buildings, freshman area, and exploratory classrooms.

Phase 3 included the addition of a new arena gymnasium, locker rooms, and a wrestling room, as well as band and choral space—the entire project consisted of 335,000 SF of new construction, all while the campus was occupied.





Project Overview

This was a 335,000 SF phased renovation of an existing high school on an active campus for Aiken County Public Schools.

GMP v Actual

[redacted]

Award Date
July 2015

Completion Date
October 2020

Owner
Aiken County Public Schools
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Architect
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
Donnie Love
dlove@mcmillanpazdansmith.com

Project Executive
Jeffrey Reynolds

Project Manager
Jeffrey Reynolds

Pre-Construction Manager
Jeffrey Reynolds

Superintendent
Tim Perkins



Brandon joined H.G. Reynolds as an intern in 2017. He came on board full-time after graduation in July of 2022. His main areas of responsibilities on site are subcontractor coordination, quality control, and acts as assistant superintendent.

EDUCATION

2022

Clemson University
BS, Construction Science & Mgmt

REFERENCE

Kevin Chipman
Director of Facilities Construction
Aiken County Public Schools
[redacted]

CONTACT

[redacted]

RECENT EXPERIENCE

2021 - On Going

Highland Springs Middle School - Aiken County, SC

Role & Responsibility: Assistant Superintendent & Quality Control Manager. Responsible for all quality measures on-site while assisting the project superintendent as required.
Supervised: 20-30 workers
Client Contact: Kevin Chipman, Aiken County Public Schools
Scope: This project was a $43.9 million dollar construction of a new 134,000 SF middle school in North Augusta, SC.

2016 - 2020

North Augusta High School - Aiken County, SC

Role & Responsibility: Assistant Superintendent & Quality Control Manager. Responsible for all quality measures on-site while assisting the project superintendent as required.
Supervised: 20-30 workers
Client Contact: Kevin Chipman, Aiken County Public Schools
Scope: This project was a $65.3 million extensive 326,000 SF phased demolition and reconstruction on an existing, active campus.

Actual cost

Five New CMR Projects

Ridge Spring-Monetta K-12, Aiken County Public Schools



We served as the Prime General Contractor for this 210,500 SF CMR phased project built on an active campus for Aiken County Public School District. H.G. Reynolds Company constructed the original Ridge Spring-Monetta High School in 1956 and, 60 years later, was re-hired to raze the existing high school and begin a two-phased construction of a new high school followed by a new elementary school. Our client desired a single campus K-12 school facility and new football, baseball, and softball facilities. Up until the completion of Phase Two, the Ridge Spring-Monetta high school and middle school baseball and softball fields lacked any site lighting, therefore unable to schedule games at night. This was a three-phased project built on an occupied school campus. Phase 1 was completed before 2017. H.G. Reynolds came on board in 2018 to construct the final 2 phases.

Phase 2 consisted of constructing a new 124,500 SF high school built onto and around the occupied middle school campus. The new construction included a two-story classroom wing, science labs, gymnasium, media center, administration area, elective classrooms, a band area, and complete high school athletic facilities. This phase was completed in February 2020.

Phase 3 started immediately upon completion of Phase 2 and consisted of a new 86,000 SF two-story elementary school that was an addition to the previous building. It included classrooms, a kitchen, a cafeteria, a media center, and a PE room. The old high school was demolished as a part of this phase.

The campus remained fully occupied during construction, and the school experienced zero disruptions or outages throughout each phase of construction. The construction team was able to successfully phase the athletic field portion of the work so that it could be turned over to the school early for the start of the fall football season.

Project Overview

This was a 210,500 SF phased project built on an active campus for Aiken County Public Schools.

GMP v Actual
[redacted]

Award Date
December 2019

Completion Date
February 2021

[redacted]

[redacted]

Project Executive
Jeffrey Reynolds

Project Manager
Ryan Reynolds

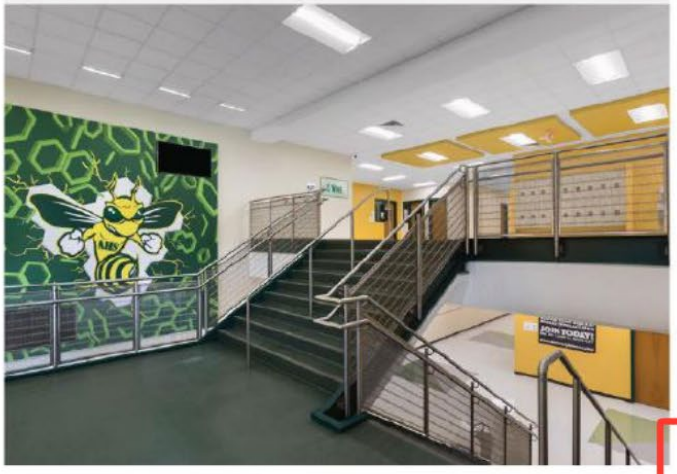
Pre-Construction Manager
Jeffrey & Ryan Reynolds

Superintendent
Bill Garrett

4.0.1.5 PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Similar Renovation Projects

Aiken High School, Aiken County Public Schools



This CMR project was a phased demolition of the existing high school and 215,000 SF rebuild of a new high school on an active campus for Aiken County Public School District. In Phase 1, we completed a two-story science classroom building and a one-story field house. This construction was completed in 2013.

Phase 2A consisted of constructing two, two-story buildings totalling 152,000 square feet. Spaces included a new administration area, general classrooms, media center, student dining/food service, and business classrooms/labs. This was phased in order to keep the school in operation as portions of the existing buildings were demolished, and new portions were constructed.

Phase 2B constructed a 67,800 square foot addition to Phase 2A. It included an auxiliary gym, locker rooms, band, and choral rooms, art, elective, and ROTC classrooms.

Phase 3 consisted of extensive renovations to the existing James Taylor Activity Center that H.G. Reynolds Company originally completed in 1995. The renovations included removing and installing new bleachers, refinishing and refurbishing the exiting gym wood floor, new basketball goals, scoreboard, upgraded locker and training rooms, complete re-roof and HVAC unit replacement, upgraded toilet facilities to meet ADA, and new state of the art weight room.





Project Overview

This was a 215,000 SF phased renovation of an existing high school on an active campus for Aiken County Public Schools.

GMP v Actual
[redacted]

Award Date
October 2012

Completion Date
November 2013

Owner
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Architect
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Project Executive
Jeffrey Reynolds

Project Manager
Ryan Reynolds

Pre-Construction Manager
Jeffrey & Ryan Reynolds

Superintendent
Mike Doyle

On Thursday, March 20, 2025, 4:30 PM, Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Dear Ms. Garris,

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Another department at the district managed FOIA requests in 2020. The document you are referencing should not have been posted and/or released without redactions. That was an error. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

I cannot speak on behalf of other district's practices, but the communications department coordinates with our procurement and legal departments to make appropriate redactions in

accordance with SC law.

Regards,
Candace

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From: Jada Garris [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 7:13 PM
To: Godley, Molly D <molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco J <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Middleton, Angela D <angela.middleton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Fw: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Ms. Godley,

I am following up on this email for the third time. On Friday I also left a voicemail.

As previously mentioned, I provided a Technical Proposal from 2020 that includes the same information in the Technical Proposal you provided on 3/3/25, except there are no redactions in the document from 2020. In addition, I submitted a FOIA to another school district for their Technical Proposals as well. I just received those and there are **no** redactions in their proposals.

I'm trying to understand how the exemptions you claim qualify for each redaction.
For example, the approximate time spent on each project has been redacted. Based on the three exemptions you claim, I have the following questions:
Is the time spent on each project attorney-client privileged information? *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(7).*
Is the time spent on each project specifically exempted from disclosure by state law? If so, please specify how. *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(4).*

Is the time spent on each project personal information that would invade someone else's privacy? *S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(2).*

To be clear, I think you are violating FOIA by redacting information that should not be withheld.

I look forward to your response,
Jada Garris
[redacted]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jada Garris [redacted]

To: Godley, Molly D <molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 at 01:54:48 PM EST

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

Ms. Godley,

I am following up on this email.

Thanks,

Jada Garris

On Monday, March 3, 2025, 10:41 PM, Jada Garris [redacted] wrote:

> Ms. Godley,
>
> Thank you for your response. I am attaching a Technical Proposal submitted by HG Reynolds for Solicitation No. 20-016 Construction Management At-Risk Services dated January 10, 2020. There are no redactions in the document.
>
> In the Technical Proposal provided in response to my FOIA request that was submitted by HG Reynolds in 2023, several redactions are made, including contact information for public employees that is readily available on the employer's website. In addition, the GMP vs. Actual has been

redacted, but is public information that would be available through a public records request.

You list the following exemptions for my request: S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(2), (4) and (7). Could you please itemize those for each individual redaction?

Thank you,
Jada Garris

On Monday, March 3, 2025 at 07:28:32 PM EST, Godley, Molly D <molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Dear Ms. Garris,

The district is in receipt of your February 19th, 2025, FOIA request. Please see the attached public documents responsive to your request. Exemptions and redactions have been made in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-40(a)(2), (4) and (7).

Regards,

Molly Godley

Digital Communications & Public Relations Specialist

Molly Godley

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	Jada Garris
Organization (if applicable):	n/a
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information	I am requesting an unredacted copy of the Technical Proposal submitted by HG Reynolds for Solicitation No. 23-012 Construction

Requested):	Management At-Risk Services on February 23, 2023

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