From: Bruder, Candace L
To: David Cook
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Godley, Molly D
Subject: Hilton Head school for Creative Arts gym floor
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 6:21:31 PM
Attachments: image003.png
BCSD October 2024 Mercury Evaluation Summary for HHISCA.pdf

Dear Mr. Cook,

Please see the attached public document responsive to your July 1, 2025 FOIA request.

Regards,
Candace

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From: David Cook [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:39 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>; Rodriguez, Francisco J <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Fw: Hilton Head school for Creative Arts gym floor

Good morning,
Thank you.
According to South Carolina statute, I can request information from any administrative personnel directly related to the facility of which I'm requesting information.
I simply requested the information from her because she's in the facility and would most likely have any documentation.

I don't appreciate the false accusation that I'm "claiming to speak on behalf of someone else." That's unprofessional and disrespectful and goes against district policy to speak to a parent that way.

An immediate apology from you is in order!

Regards,

David Cook
[redacted]

[redacted]

On Tue, Jul 8, 2025, 11:17 AM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Cook,
>
> Your FOIA request has been forwarded to my department. In the future, please use our online FOIA request form to assist with our tracking of requests. We will respond within the timeframe allotted in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(C) to the request you designated under the "South Carolina Freedom of Information Act" in your July 1, 2025, email to Principal Lucas. Additionally, please be advised that our principals communicate directly with parents of students who attend their school. They are not required to respond to persons claiming to speak on behalf of someone else.
>
> Regards,
> Candace
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 1, 2025 5:22 PM
> **To:** Lucas, Pamela N <Pamela.Lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rodriguez, Francisco J <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Subject: Re: Hilton Head school for Creative Arts gym floor

Good afternoon,

This request was made in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and requesting public information from the person in charge of this building/facility and its maintenance and condition.
Thank you.

Regards,

David Cook
[redacted]

[redacted]

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 7:30 PM David Cook [redacted] wrote:

> Thank you.
> And the parents who contacted me do not want to be subject to the same treatment I have been put through. That's why they contacted me specifically.
> So, given the fact you have public information you're obligated to provide to anyone requesting it, I'll rely on you to provide me with that information.
>
> Thank you.
>
> Regards,
>
> David Cook
> [redacted]
>
> [redacted]

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 5:46 PM Lucas, Pamela N <Pamela.Lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Good evening,
>
> Thank you again for reaching out with this concern. Our practice is to speak directly with parents regarding any questions or concerns that they have. You are most welcome to encourage this individual to contact me regarding the matter.
>
> Best regards,
>
> **Nikki Lucas**
> Principal
> Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts
> Daufuskie Island Elementary School
> 843-342-4380
> "Proudly A Title I School!"
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025 11:55 AM
> **To:** Lucas, Pamela N <Pamela.Lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Cc:** Rodriguez, Francisco J <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** Re: Hilton Head school for Creative Arts gym floor
>
> Good morning.
> Thank you very much.
> They asked me to get the information for them.
> They prefer to remain anonymous.
>
> Anything you have, can you please send it to me would be greatly appreciated.
>
> Thank you
>
> Regards,
>
> David Cook
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
>
> [redacted]
> [redacted]

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 11:35 AM Lucas, Pamela N <Pamela.Lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Good afternoon, Mr. Cook,
>
> Thank you for reaching out to share the concern of another parent. Please relay to them that they are welcome to reach out to me regarding this matter, so that I may communicate with them directly.
>
> Best regards,
>
> **Nikki Lucas**
> Principal
> Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts
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> **From:** David Cook [redacted]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 4:08 PM
> **To:** Rodriguez, Francisco J <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Lucas, Pamela N <Pamela.Lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject:** Hilton Head school for Creative Arts gym floor
>
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>
> Good afternoon,
>
> I had a parent on Hilton Head Island reach out to me and ask me about the gym floor at Hilton Head school for Creative Arts to find out if that has ever been removed after it was tested and contained mercury levels. They also asked when the last time the area was tested?
>
> So I guess if you could send me the test results and the last report as to what was going on with that floor. And what is needed to be done to keep the area from bleeding mercury?
>
> I greatly appreciate anything you can get to me.
>
> Thank you!

Regards,

David Cook
[redacted]