From: Bruder, Candace L
To: Ivie Szalai
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B; Godley, Molly D
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 2:14:20 PM
Attachments: 06132025_SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OR CONTRACT RENEWAL.pdf
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Dear Ms. Szalai-

FOIA is for existing public documents, not answering questions. We have provided you with the public documents responsive to the timeframe denoted in your January 11, 2026 request. Please be advised that after responding to your request, I did receive one more responsive document that is attached.

Regards,
Candace

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Can you clarify when mental health services for staff through the District started? The last contract that I see signed is late 2023. I can submit a new FOIA if need be.
Thanks, Ivie

Ivie Szalai

On Fri, Jan 16, 2026 at 2:32 PM Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Szalai,
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> Please see the attached public documents responsive to your January 11th, 2025, FOIA request. Providing the total spend on mental health for staff only will require an additional 6 hours. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(B) the estimated cost for retrieving and redacting the requested proposals is $319.08. 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)
> Chief Communications Officer
> Beaufort County School District
> 2900 Mink Point Blvd.
> Beaufort, SC 29902
>
> *Section 30-2-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides that no person or private entity shall knowingly obtain or use any personal information obtained from a public body for any commercial solicitation. Please confirm that you are not obtaining records for commercial solicitation.*
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> Regards,
> Candace
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> **From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
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> **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form**
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> |---|---|
> | Name: | Elizabeth Szalai |

Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq., I respectfully request access to and copies of the following public records related to telehealth, teletherapy, mental-health, or wellness services offered to Beaufort County School District employees: All contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, or service agreements between the Beaufort County School District and any third-party vendor providing telehealth, teletherapy, mental-health, counseling, or wellness services to district employees, including but not limited to services offered virtually or via telemedicine. Documents identifying the vendor(s) providing such services, including the name of the company, the scope of services offered, and the dates during which the services have been available. Records reflecting the cost of these services, including: The total contract amount or fee structure; Whether the services are provided at no cost to employees;

Whether costs are paid fully by the District, partially subsidized, or billed through employee insurance or benefits.

Records describing employee eligibility and access, including whether these services are available to:

All district employees;

Teachers only;

Employees on administrative leave;

Employees enrolled in specific benefit plans.

Any communications, notices, guidance documents, or informational materials distributed to employees regarding the availability of telehealth, teletherapy, or mental-health services during the period January 1, 2022 to present.

Fee Waiver Request

I respectfully request a waiver of any fees associated with this request pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-30(b), as the records sought concern the expenditure of public funds and the provision of public employee benefits, and disclosure of this information is in the public interest. The requested records are not sought for a commercial purpose.

If any portion of this request is denied, please provide the specific statutory

exemption relied upon, as required by S.C. Code § 30-4-40(a).

If responsive records exist in electronic form, I request that they be provided electronically. If any fees are anticipated notwithstanding this request, please notify me in advance of producing the records.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response within the time period required by law.

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