

From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 4:00 PM
To: lgeller@wusa9.com
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6172 Response
Attachments: first: Lauralast: Geller

Laura Geller,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on January 6, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

the following information for the school years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021:

1. Any bullying, harassment, or intimidation reporting forms submitted by parents to their child's school or school district.
2. Any database or spreadsheet that lists the total number of bullying, harassment, or intimidation incidents reported to a school and/or school district,
 - a) including the total number of incidents, the type of incident, the school, and date of incident

Please be advised that the incident reports are exempt from release in their entirety pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1) and relate to scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals, except that such access shall not be denied to the person who is the subject thereof, or the parent or legal guardian of the student. Additionally, regarding item 2a, FCPS cannot disclose information that alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC 1232g.

You may wish to revise the scope of item 2 to seek the data in a way that is not identifiable to individual incidents. For example, removing the school and date of incident would ensure that the released data is not linkable to specific students.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
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Subject: VFOIA-6172 Response
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 3:59:53 PM
Attachments: [first Lauralast Geller.msg](#)

Laura Geller,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on January 6, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

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To: ["104787-84900817@requests.muckrock.com"](mailto:104787-84900817@requests.muckrock.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6173 VA Residency Info
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 4:22:40 PM
Attachments: [FOIA Request - Jessica Gray.pdf](#)

Jessica Gray,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on January 6, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Please be advised that the Virginia FOIA grants access to public records to citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, representatives of newspapers and magazines with circulation in the Commonwealth, and representatives of radio and television stations broadcasting in or into the Commonwealth. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(A).

Based on the information we received, it is unclear that you are a representative of media that has circulation in Virginia and/or a Virginia resident. Accordingly, please provide information regarding the media company you are representing or your Virginia address at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System,
Springfield
FOIA Office
Suite 300
8001 Forbes Place
Springfield, VA 22151-2205

January 6, 2022

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Virginia Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Nov. 10, 2020. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Nov. 10, 2020:
Subject: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: FOIA Request - Investments
To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this finds you well. I am currently seeking updated quarterly performance data from your plan's alternative asset holdings for the following date(s): 3Q 2020.

As always, thank you in advance for the time you take in sending me the responsive documents, and below follows the formal request:

On behalf of PitchBook Data, Inc., under Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I request a copy of the quarterly public records from 3Q 2020 for the following information, preferably in Excel or PDF format.

1. Names and vintage years of all private equity, venture capital, mezzanine, distressed, real estate/REIT, debt and infrastructure partnerships in Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield's portfolio.
2. Commitments made to each partnership.
3. Contributions drawn down since inception.
4. Distributions made to Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield to date by each individual partnership.
5. Net Asset Value of each partnership.
6. Internal rates of return (IRRs) for each partnership with and without the use of credit facility. Please note if the IRRs are not net.
7. Investment multiple (TV/PI) for each individual partnership.
8. The dollar amount of "total management fees and costs paid" for each individual partnership.
9. Date as of which all the above data was calculated.
10. Names of all alternative asset partnerships partially and fully sold by Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield, including date of sale.
11. For each fund, please indicate whether or not the fund uses Subscription Credit Facilities.

I also request a copy of any disclosable documents which contain some or all of the following information:

12. Names of all hedge fund holdings (including hedge fund of funds) in Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield's portfolio.
13. Month by Month Market Value for each hedge fund holding (including hedge fund of funds) since Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield's initial investment up to 3Q 2020.
14. Month by Month Contributions to each hedge fund holding (including hedge fund of funds) since Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield's initial investment up to 3Q 2020.
15. Month by Month Returns (net of fees) earned by Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield for each hedge fund holding (including hedge fund of funds) since initial investment up to 3Q 2020.
16. Investment memorandum used by the Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield investment committee and investment consultants providing consultation to the Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield regarding private equity, venture capital, mezzanine, distressed, real estate/REIT, debt and infrastructure partnerships being considered for investment by the Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield portfolio.
17. All due diligence materials and presentation materials produced by the General Partners in the course of the Fairfax County Educational Employees Supplementary Retirement System, Springfield conducting due diligence on investments into any private equity, venture capital, mezzanine, distressed, real estate/REIT, debt and infrastructure partnerships.
18. For each fund, please indicate whether or not the fund uses Subscription Credit Facilities.

If there are any fees for searching for, reviewing, or copying the records, please inform me before you task the request. If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. My full contact information is listed below.

Thank you in advance for your help on this request.

Jessica Gray

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From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:49 PM
To: njminock@sbgtv.com
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6235 Response
Attachments: RE: [External] WJLA Story on lawsuit

Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 1, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

1. How much money total has your school district spent on litigation (attorney fees, court fees, time, etc.) on this lawsuit since January 15, 2022?
2. How much money is the school district planning to spend and prepared to spend on litigating this lawsuit?
3. Where does that money come from?

Regarding items 2 and 3, please be advised that VFOIA “applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions.” VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). If you seek a public records search, then please provide additional information on what specific records you seek. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B).

Regarding item 1, FCPS interpreted this request as seeking legal invoices and other financial records related to the case referenced in your request. Please be advised that FCPS conducted a search for responsive records. No responsive records could be located. You may wish to submit this request at a later date as the case proceeds and the status of records being in existence may change.

Thank you,

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From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Nick Minock
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: RE: [External] WJLA Story on lawsuit

Nick Minock,

Your request for information requires a public records search. A Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) response will be provided to you on or before February 7, 2022.

Thank you,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>
Date: January 31, 2022 at 4:27:50 PM EST
To: "Moult, Julie" <jmoult@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] WJLA Story on lawsuit

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Hi Julie:

For an upcoming story, I have some questions for FCPS on this lawsuit:
<https://wjla.com/news/crisis-in-the-classrooms/seven-virginia-schools-file-lawsuit-challenging-governor-glenn-youngkins-executive-order-mask-mandate-alexandria-richmond-fairfax-prince-william-county-hampton>

Questions:

- How much money total has your school district spent on litigation (attorney fees, court fees, time, etc.) on this lawsuit since January 15, 2022?
- How much money is the school district planning to spend and prepared to spend on litigating this lawsuit?
- Where does that money come from?

Best,

Nick Minock
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From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Torres, Matthew
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6253 Response

Matthew Torres,

Thank you for submitting your request for information. As a preliminary matter, please be advised that VFOIA “applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions.” VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). In the future, please direct all data request and requests for information to the FOIA Office so we can work with you on identifying public records that may be responsive to your request.

Please be advised that the information you seek is entered into individual student accounts in the Student Information System (SIS). Please be advised that individual student information is not releasable to the public.

As a courtesy the following information is being provided to you as a one-time courtesy, “from January 25 through February 4, seventeen students were suspended for refusing to wear a mask.”

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 2:34 PM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Rogers, Susan <sdrogers@wusa9.com>
Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] RE: mask compliance data from yesterday

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Hi Kathleen,

I wanted to follow up to see if FCPS has new numbers on how many students have shown up to class maskless since January 24, and if all were suspended.

Thanks again.

Matthew Torres | Reporter

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From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:33 PM
To: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>; Rogers, Susan <sdrogers@wusa9.com>
Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject: mask compliance data from yesterday

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Hi Matthew and Susan:

In FCPS, we had 24 students, or 0.013%, out of 180,000 students who did not comply with district mask requirements yesterday. In addition, early attendance data from yesterday indicates a lower absence rate (5.1%) than the past two Tuesdays.

(note that attendance percentages will change retroactively as schools continue to verify/update attendance records.)

best,
Kathleen

From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:59 PM
To: Nick Minock
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6258 Response
Attachments: VFOIA-6258 Extension Notice

Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

The FCPS FOIA Office coordinated your request with the appropriate offices. A preliminary record search has been completed.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 2 hours of staff time to search for, access, and supply you with the requested records. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$70.00 (2 hours at the rate of \$35/hour).

Please let us know how you would like to proceed with your request.

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nick Minock](#)
Cc: [Moult, Julie](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6258 Extension Notice
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 12:43:34 PM

Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 7, 2022.

Due to the amount of time that required to process your request among multiple FCPS offices, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request on or before February 23, 2022.

Thank you,

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On Feb 7, 2022, at 1:21 PM, Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

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Hi Julie,

I have some questions for FCPS.

- How much money has Fairfax County Public Schools given to Cenergistic since it began business with the school district?
- How much money has Cenergistic saved Fairfax County Public Schools directly in energy cost savings?
- Has an audit been done on Cenergistic's cost savings vs. what FCPS pays the company?

Nick Minock

Reporter, WJLA Television

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From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:07 PM
To: 'Gabe Kaminsky'
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6260 Clarification Needed
Attachments: [External] Public Records Request

Gabe Kaminsky,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 8, 2022. Please see attached.

In your request you seek:

“All internal district communications/documents, not limited to audio or recordings and memorandums, in relation to the defiance of Gov. Glenn Youngkin's mask order in Virginia that says schools cannot force students to wear masks.”

Additional information is needed to allow the FCPS FOIA Office to conduct a targeted record search. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). Please clarify the employee names, keywords/search phrases, and a date range you wish to use in this central record search.

Thank you,

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From: [Gabe Kaminsky](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Public Records Request
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:23:08 PM

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Gabe Kaminsky
53 Bates Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

February 8, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §2.2-3704 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that are in relation to the following:

All internal district communications/documents, not limited to audio or recordings and memorandums, in relation to the defiance of Gov. Glenn Youngkin's mask order in Virginia that says schools cannot force students to wear masks.

I would like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of education. I am an investigative reporter for the Daily Wire. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Gabe Kaminsky
610-324-3433

From: Requests, FOIA
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:10 PM
To: '124616-52772244@requests.muckrock.com'
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6266 Advanced Cost Notice
Attachments: [External] Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: Mask Mandate Correspondence (Fairfax County P - FCPS CASE-0000616870

Tom Nash,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 9, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“All correspondence received by the district's superintendent from the Governor's Office or School Board members mentioning "mask" or "masks" or "mandate" or "choice" between January 1, 2022 and the time this request is processed.”

FCPS conducted a preliminary search for records responsive to our request. That search yielded 82 documents, which total 506 pages in length. Once those records are collected each record must be reviewed for exempt information. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 5 hours of staff time to search for, access, duplicate and supply you with responsive records. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$175.00.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed with this request.

Thank you,

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From: [FCPS Client Communications](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: Mask Mandate Correspondence (Fairfax County P - FCPS CASE-0000616870)
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:17:12 PM

From: 124616-52772244@requests.muckrock.com
Sent: 2/9/2022 11:57:43 AM
To: FCPSINFO@fcps.edu
CC:
Subject: [External] Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: Mask Mandate Correspondence (Fairfax County P - FCPS CASE-0000616870)

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FOIA Office
8115 Gatehouse Road
Falls Church, VA 22042

February 9, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All correspondence received by the district's superintendent from the Governor's Office or School Board members mentioning "mask" or "masks" or "mandate" or "choice" between January 1, 2022 and the time this request is processed.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

This request is filed by Tom Nash, a citizen of Virginia.

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To: Jay.Mathews@washpost.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6282 Response
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 3:29:36 PM
Attachments: [Fairfax County AP IB Challenge Index 2020-2021.xlsx](#)
[Fairfax County AP IB Mastery \(Equity and Excellence\) 2020-2021.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon Jay,

Please see the attached responsive records. If you have questions about the underlying data please let me know and I will work with the Information Technology department to answer your questions.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:45 PM

To: Jay.Mathews@washpost.com

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Washington Post request

Hi Jay,

I am the FOIA Officer for FCPS. I will be providing you with the requested records. Could you please call me this afternoon after 330pm so I can discuss the records with you?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:25 PM

To: Lloyd, Helen A <halloyd@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Washington Post request

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Hi Helen----My priority now is finishing the Challenge Index top national 300 list for 2022. The form I need filled out for each school in below. Here are your schools that I think would qualify or come close to qualifying based on past performance: Oakton, McLean, Langley, Madison, Chantilly, Marshall and Centreville. TJ does not go on the list because it is too selective. I put it instead on what I call the Public Elites list.

Could you please give me some sense of when someone could fill out the forms

for those schools? Thanks.---jay
the form:

NAME OF
SCHOOL_____

LOCATION_____

YOUR NAME,
TITLE_____

YOUR PHONE AND
EMAIL_____

1. Total number of AP tests given in
2021_____

2. Total number of IB or AICE tests given in 2021. (Do NOT count
IB TOK or extended essay grades)

3. For those high schools that give both AP and IB, I also need to
know how many AP tests in 2021 were taken by IB students who
also took an IB test in that same subject that year. I will subtract
those overlapping AP tests from the total. Overlap
total:_____

4. Total number of seniors who graduated in May or June of 2021.
(Do NOT count certificates of completion) _____

5. Percentage of AP tests with scores of 3 or above or IB tests with
scores of 4 or above _____

6. The percentage of total school enrollment who qualified for free or
reduced lunch subsidies. _____

7. Your "Equity and Excellence" percentage. _____

(This should be on your AP grade report. It breaks down Equity and
Excellence into several categories. We want the "GRADUATING
CLASS SUMMARY." That Equity and Excellence number is the
percentage of all graduating seniors who got at least at 3 on at least
one AP test some time in high school. If you are an IB school, we
would love your best estimate of the percentage of your total
graduating class that had at least one 4 on one IB test in high school.
If you give both IB and AP tests, then we would love a combined
figure: the percentage of all graduating seniors who had at least a 3

on an AP test or a 4 on an IB test in high school. We will take your best estimate.)

8. Average TOTAL score (out of 1600) on the SAT, or the average ACT score, for your class of 2021. _____

9. Is your school public, public charter or private?

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: Jay.Mathews@washpost.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6282 Response
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:31:28 AM
Attachments: [how-the-ib-is-awarding-in-may-2021-en.pdf](#)

Hi Jay,

Please also see the attached document for relevant information.

In 2020-21, FCPS students did not sit for IB exams. They completed other internal and external assessments which were scored. The attached pdf explains how the IB awarded scores. The most pertinent information is found under the heading "How the IB will award grades for the Non-exam route" and "How is the IB making sure the results are the best estimation?"

For the Challenge Index, we did count these IB scores in the calculations.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 3:30 PM

To: Jay.Mathews@washpost.com

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: VFOIA-6282 Response

Good afternoon Jay,

Please see the attached responsive records. If you have questions about the underlying data please let me know and I will work with the Information Technology department to answer your questions.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:45 PM

To: Jay.Mathews@washpost.com

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Washington Post request

Hi Jay,

I am the FOIA Officer for FCPS. I will be providing you with the requested records. Could you please call me this afternoon after 330pm so I can discuss the records with you?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer
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Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:25 PM

To: Lloyd, Helen A <halloyd@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Washington Post request

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Hi Helen---My priority now is finishing the Challenge Index top national 300 list for 2022. The form I need filled out for each school in below. Here are your schools that I think would qualify or come close to qualifying based on past performance: Oakton, McLean, Langley, Madison, Chantilly, Marshall and Centreville. TJ does not go on the list because it is too selective. I put it instead on what I call the Public Elites list.

Could you please give me some sense of when someone could fill out the forms for those schools? Thanks.---jay
the form:

NAME OF
SCHOOL_____

LOCATION_____

YOUR NAME,
TITLE_____

YOUR PHONE AND
EMAIL_____

1. Total number of AP tests given in
2021_____

2. Total number of IB or AICE tests given in 2021. (Do NOT count
IB TOK or extended essay grades)

3. For those high schools that give both AP and IB, I also need to
know how many AP tests in 2021 were taken by IB students who
also took an IB test in that same subject that year. I will subtract
those overlapping AP tests from the total. Overlap

total:_____

4. Total number of seniors who graduated in May or June of 2021.
(Do NOT count certificates of completion) _____

5. Percentage of AP tests with scores of 3 or above or IB tests with
scores of 4 or above_____

6. The percentage of total school enrollment who qualified for free or
reduced lunch subsidies. _____

7. Your “Equity and Excellence” percentage. _____

(This should be on your AP grade report. It breaks down Equity and
Excellence into several categories. We want the “GRADUATING
CLASS SUMMARY.” That Equity and Excellence number is the
percentage of all graduating seniors who got at least at 3 on at least
one AP test some time in high school. If you are an IB school, we
would love your best estimate of the percentage of your total
graduating class that had at least one 4 on one IB test in high school.
If you give both IB and AP tests, then we would love a combined
figure: the percentage of all graduating seniors who had at least a 3
on an AP test or a 4 on an IB test in high school. We will take your
best estimate.)

8. Average TOTAL score (out of 1600) on the SAT, or the average
ACT score, for your class of 2021._____

9. Is your school public, public charter or private?

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: mike.baker@nytimes.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6285 Response
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:31:34 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6285 Update.msg](#)

Mike Baker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 16, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

“all complaints since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district • Copies of all disciplinary actions since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district”

The FCPS FOIA Office coordinated your request with the Office of Equity and Employee Relations (OEER). Please be advised that the OEER receives notifications regarding misconduct from various groups and individuals which include law enforcement groups, parents, students, social services, etc. Those notifications may initiate joint investigations with law enforcement.

Please be advised that those notifications are categorized by employee name and employee ID not position. Therefore, additional information is needed to allow FCPS to conduct a targeted search. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B). Please provide the employee names and/or ID you would like to include in this search.

Please clarify the scope of your request so we can provide you with an advanced cost estimate.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: mike.baker@nytimes.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6285 Update
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:06:24 AM
Attachments: [first Mikelast Baker.msg](#)

Mike Baker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 16, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to coordinate your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before March 7, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: mike.baker@nytimes.com
Subject: first: Mikelast: Baker
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:59:54 PM

Submitted on Wed, 02/16/2022 - 12:59

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Mike Baker

620 Eighth Ave New York, New York. 10018

mike.baker@nytimes.com

2069634489

Yes

- Copies of all complaints since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district
- Copies of all disciplinary actions since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["SMcGoey@timesdispatch.com"](mailto:SMcGoey@timesdispatch.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOAI-6295 Response
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:31:08 PM
Attachments: [FW External FOIA Request Books removed from school libraries.msg](#)
[History of Library Book Challenges.doc](#)

Jess Nocera,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. books that have been removed from school libraries, either system-wide or on a school-by-school basis
2. books that have been recommended for removal by parents
3. books that school staff members have recommended for removal
4. books that have been removed from the required reading curriculum
5. any action that has either been taken or is pending regarding books that have been recommended for removal

The scope of request was interpreted as seeking challenged books not books that have been removed from schools due to condition, relevancy, lack of circulation and other criteria as determined by the librarian. If you seek a record that include these books, then please let us know so we can provide you with an advanced cost estimate for the same.

The challenged book list is being provided to you via the second attachment.

Thank you,

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From: [Superintendent Brabrand](#)
To: [Shannon, Molly](#)
Cc: [Superintendent Brabrand](#)
Subject: FW: [External] FOIA Request: Books removed from school libraries
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:48:39 PM

Tracy M. Ritenour

Executive Administrative Assistant
to the Division Superintendent
Fairfax County Public Schools
8115 Gatehouse Road
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Phone: 571-423-1010
Fax: 571-423-1007

From: Sean McGoey <SMcGoey@timesdispatch.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Superintendent Brabrand <suptbrabrand@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] FOIA Request: Books removed from school libraries

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Dr. Scott S. Brabrand

Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools

SuperintendentBrabrand@fcps.edu

February 21, 2022

Dr. Brabrand:

Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §2.2-3704 et seq., we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records from August 2020 until this request is fulfilled that pertain to any of the following:

- books that have been removed from school libraries, either system-wide or on a school-by-school basis
- books that have been recommended for removal by parents
- books that school staff members have recommended for removal
- books that have been removed from the required reading curriculum
- any action that has either been taken or is pending regarding books that have been recommended for removal

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform us if the cost will exceed \$50. However, we would also like to request a waiver of all fees, as we are representatives of the news media affiliated with the Richmond Times-Dispatch and this

request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact us with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify us of the appeal procedures available to us under the law.

Best,

Jess Nocera, Metro Reporter

Sean McGoey, Data Reporter

Richmond Times-Dispatch

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["mike.baker@nytimes.com"](mailto:mike.baker@nytimes.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6309 Cost Estimate
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022 4:07:49 PM
Attachments: [External Re VFOIA-6285 Response.msg](#)

Mike Baker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 28, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“A list of all JROTC instructors who have served in the district since January 2017.”

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” The estimated cost of supplying you with these records is \$52.50 (1.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour).

Please let us know if you would like to proceed with this request. The final costs will be invoiced to you in our final response when the records are provided.

Thanks,

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From: [Mike Baker](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Re: VFOIA-6285 Response
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:50:13 PM

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OK, then I guess my first request would be:

- Please provide a list of all JROTC instructors who have served in the district since January 2017.

Thanks

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Mike Baker | The New York Times

206-963-4489

@ByMikeBaker

On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 12:31 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Mike Baker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on February 16, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

“all complaints since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district
• Copies of all disciplinary actions since January 2016 regarding any JROTC instructor operating in the district”

The FCPS FOIA Office coordinated your request with the Office of Equity and Employee Relations (OEER). Please be advised that the OEER receives notifications regarding misconduct from various groups and individuals which include law enforcement groups, parents, students, social services, etc. Those notifications may initiate joint investigations with law enforcement.

Please be advised that those notifications are categorized by employee name and employee ID not position. Therefore, additional information is needed to allow FCPS to conduct a targeted search. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B). Please provide the employee names and/or ID you would like to include in this search.

Please clarify the scope of your request so we can provide you with an advanced cost estimate.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Cahan, Eli -ND"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6361 Response
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 3:47:15 PM
Attachments: [RE External Public records request - School meal debt.msg](#)

Eli Cahan,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on March 16, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. Any/all records—including memoranda, emails, reports, excel database files, and the like—related to the burden of school meal debt in your district(s) between 2017-2020.
2. Number of FCPS students with debt
3. Details on any/all efforts—**OTHER THAN** inquiries made from departmental employees to families—to deter/sanction students/families with outstanding debt
4. Any/all cases of utilizing external collections agencies for the reclamation of outstanding debt.

The records you seek could not be released without revealing personal student information. However, FCPS has endeavored to summarize the information in a deidentified format below.

Information responsive to item 1 is provided below:

	End of Year Negative Balances Amount
EOY 2015-2016	\$20,468
EOY 2016-2017	\$25,909
EOY 2017-2018	\$36,401
EOY 2018-2019*	\$214,002
EOY 2019-2020	\$211,581
EOY 2020-2021	\$153,035
Current 3-17-22	\$106,524

**Note the unpaid meals debt increased significantly in 2018-19 due to new legislation that was passed regarding unpaid meals. Prior to the July 1, 2018 legislation, schools reminded students frequently.*

Regarding item 3, inquiries about payment of student debt for meals is only carried out by Food and Nutrition Services staff members or School staff members parents based on legislative changes that occurred in FY19 (see below Supt Memo and VA Code citation). No sanctions for non-payment are in place.

Superintendent's Memo #201-18 (July 27, 2018)

*This memo announces the new Virginia legislation regarding unpaid meal charges.
Each local School Board shall adopt policies that:*

1. Prohibit school board employees from requiring a student who cannot pay for a meal at school or who owes a school meal debt to do chores or other work to pay for such meals or wear a wristband or hand stamp; and

The meal charge policy must convey that children will not be made to work for their meal or to work to settle any unpaid meal charges. In addition, students will not be labeled with a hand stamp, sticker, wristband, or identified in any other way if they cannot pay for a meal or have an unpaid meal charge.

2. Require school board employees to direct any communications relating to a school meal debt to the student's parent. Such policy may permit such communication to be made by a letter addressed to the parent to be sent home with the student.

The meals charge policy must also direct any communication of a student's debt be directly to the parent or guardian. Schools may no longer communicate this information directly to the student. A letter addressed to the parent and sent home with the student is an acceptable form of communication.

§ 22.1-79.7. School meal policies; donations.

A. Each local school board shall adopt policies that:

1. Prohibit school board employees from requiring a student who cannot pay for a meal at school or who owes a school meal debt to throw away or discard a meal after it has been served to him, do chores or other work to pay for such meals, or wear a wristband or hand stamp;

2. Require school board employees to direct any communication relating to a school meal debt to the student's parent. Such policy may permit such communication to be made by a letter addressed to the parent to be sent home with the student; and

3. Prohibit the school board from filing a lawsuit against a student or the student's parent because the student cannot pay for a meal at school or owes a school meal debt.

B. Any school board may solicit and receive any donation or other funds for the purpose of eliminating or offsetting any school meal debt at any time and shall use any such funds solely for such purpose

Regarding item 4, FCPS does not send unpaid meal debt to any external collection agency. All inquiries to parents are conducted by Financial Services or school administrative staff.

Regards,

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From: [Cahan, Eli -ND](#)
To: [Moult, Julie](#)
Cc: [Media Relations](#); [Miller, Kathleen E](#); [Sellers, Jennifer M](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Public records request - School meal debt
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:16:41 PM

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Thank you!

From: Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Cahan, Eli -ND <Eli.Cahan.-ND@abc.com>
Cc: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Public records request - School meal debt

Thank you for your email. Your email seeks information and data that may be available in public records and would require a record search. Your email has been forwarded to the FOIA Office (CC'ed) for coordination and response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2022, at 3:39 PM, Cahan, Eli -ND <Eli.Cahan.-ND@abc.com> wrote:

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Hi—hope you are well. My name is Eli and I'm a reporter with ABC.

I am writing to request **any/all records**—including memoranda, emails, reports, excel database files, and the like—**related to the burden of school meal debt** in your district(s) between **2017-2020**. I would like this data separated by year. Please also include the **number of students** with debt.

Additionally, please include details on **any/all efforts**—OTHER THAN inquiries made from departmental employees to families—**to deter/sanction students/families with outstanding debt** including but not limited to threatened bans from participation in school activities, withholding of transcripts, and participation in graduation ceremonies, and/or receipt of graduation documents.

Also, please include details on **any/all cases of utilizing external collections agencies** for the reclamation of outstanding debt. For any such cases, please detail the **name of the agency**, the **amount of outstanding debt transferred for management**, the **year in which this exchange occurred**, and the **specific school for which the transaction occurred** (if it was not done at the district-wide level.)

Thank you for your assistance with this request. Please reach out to 650 285 0702 with any questions

Eli

Eli Cahan MS

ABC NEWS Medical Unit

Office 212-456-6789

Cell 650-285-0702

Email Eli.Cahan.-ND@abc.com

Twitter @emcahan

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Alexis Nester](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6374 Response
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:05:03 PM

Alexis Nester,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) today, March 23, 2022.

Information responsive to your request is publicly available online at the link provided below. RFP2000003364 for Tutoring Services was awarded to TPR Education LLC d/b/a The Princeton Review. Tutor.com is a service they provide.

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cregister/ContractDetails.aspx?contractNumber=4400011063>

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Alexis Nester <nester@freebeacon.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Re: Thank you for your email.

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Alex Nester and I write on education for the Washington Free Beacon.

I'm filing a FOIA request for the contract that Fairfax County Public Schools made with Tutor.com to provide tutoring sessions for all of the district's students. I'd love to see the contract, or any form that shows the amount of ESSER funds that the district paid for this service from Tutor.com.

Thank you,
Alex

On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 3:50 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Thank you for your email.

If you are submitting a request for public records, FCPS will respond to your request within 5 working days of its receipt. Please be aware that FCPS may notify you that it requires an additional 7 working days to provide a complete response. A working day is a day in which FCPS offices are open. FCPS central office hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Requests submitted after working hours or at times FCPS central offices are closed will be marked as received on the next FCPS working day. Day one is considered the first working day after a request has been received.

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["chrissy@dailycaller.com"](mailto:chrissy@dailycaller.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6397 Response
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:27:54 PM
Attachments: [first Chrissylast Clark.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6397 Extension Notice.msg](#)

Chrissy Clark,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 4, 2022. On April 15, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven-day work extension. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Emails between or amongst FCPS school board members that discuss individual speakers that are employed with FCPS at upcoming school board meetings between Nov. 1, 2021-April 4, 2022.”

FCPS conducted a diligent search for records responsive to your request and was unable to locate responsive records.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Matthes, Connor M](#)
To: ["chrissy@dailycaller.com"](mailto:chrissy@dailycaller.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6397 Extension Notice
Date: Friday, April 15, 2022 3:09:30 PM
Attachments: [first Chrissylast Clark.msg](#)
[External Re VFOIA-6397 Response.msg](#)

Chrissy Clark,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 4, 2022. On April 11, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before April 27, 2022.

Thank you,

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Love, Jessica L

From: Chrissy Clark <chrissy@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 10:08 AM
To: Requests, FOIA
Subject: [External] Re: VFOIA-6397 Response

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Hello,

No problem, I'm happy to update my inquiry.

"Emails between or amongst FCPS school board members that discuss individual speakers Tina Williams, Julie Perry, and Leslie Houston that are employed with FCPS at upcoming school board meetings between Nov. 1, 2021-April 4, 2022."

Best,
Chrissy

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 2:10 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Chrissy Clark,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 4, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

"Emails between or amongst FCPS school board members that discuss individual speakers that are employed with FCPS at upcoming school board meetings between Nov. 1, 2021-April 4, 2022."

Please be advised that additional information is required in order for the FCPS FOIA Office to do a central email search. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B). If you wish to revise the scope of your request, then please provide additional information on what specific records you seek. For example, if you could provide the keywords and search phrases (to include individual names) you would like to use in this search, then we can conduct a targeted search.

Thank You,

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Best,
Chrissy

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: chrissy@dailycaller.com
Subject: first: Chrissylast: Clark
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:29:43 AM

Submitted on Mon, 04/04/2022 - 11:29

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Chrissy Clark

1401 3rd Ave N Nashville, Tennessee. 37208

chrissy@dailycaller.com

6306050405

Yes

I request emails between or amongst FCPS school board members that discuss individual speakers that are employed with FCPS at upcoming school board meetings between Nov. 1, 2021-April 4, 2022.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["taylor.romine@warnermedia.com"](mailto:taylor.romine@warnermedia.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6405 Response
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:27:38 PM
Attachments: [Re External CNN Inquiry- data on chronic absenteeism in the district.msg](#)

Taylor Romine,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 8, 2022. On April 15, 2022 FCPS invoke a seven working day extension. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Data on chronic absenteeism within the district for the last five years as well as the student ethnicity and groups (economically disadvantaged, homeless, etc.) for each school year.”

Records responsive to the 2018-2021 school years are publicly available at the links below. Please be advised that data prior to 2017 is no longer available online and would require our IT department to generate new reports. Please let us know if you seek those prior years so we can provide you with a cost estimate for that labor time.

- [VDOE School Quality Profiles](#)
- [FCPS Equity Dashboard – Chronic Absenteeism](#)

Thank you,

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From: [Moult, Julie](#)
To: [Romine, Taylor](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Media Relations](#); [Hannah, Jack](#)
Subject: Re: [External] CNN Inquiry- data on chronic absenteeism in the district
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 6:44:49 AM

Thank you for your email.

If you are submitting a request for public records, FCPS will respond to your request within 5 working days of its receipt. Please be aware that FCPS may notify you that it requires an additional 7 working days to provide a complete response. A working day is a day in which FCPS offices are open. FCPS central office hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Requests submitted after working hours or at times FCPS central offices are closed will be marked as received on the next FCPS working day. Day one is considered the first working day after a request has been received.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2022, at 10:28 PM, Romine, Taylor
<taylor.romine@warnermedia.com> wrote:

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Good evening,

My name is Taylor and I'm with CNN.

I'm reaching out because I wanted to see if it was possible to get data on chronic absenteeism within the district for the last five years as well as the student ethnicity and groups (economically disadvantaged, homeless, etc.) for each school year. I was looking at the website but didn't see an area for data.

I also wanted to see if the district feels there is a growing problem with absenteeism or if it is currently not an issue.

Thanks much and hope you are well.

Taylor Romine

CNN | LA Bureau

Cell: (858)337-1410

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["gascurka@sbgvtv.com"](mailto:gascurka@sbgvtv.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6412 Cost Estimate
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 3:32:10 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6412 Extension Notice.msg](#)

Gary Scurka,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 12, 2022. On April 19, 2022, FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“copies of any bullying and harassment complaints made against educators and administrators of Fairfax County Public schools from 01/01/2019 to 04/11/2022.”

Please be advised that FCPS would be required to review each individual incident report to determine if the complaint was made against an educator or an administrator. Additionally, all personally identifiable student and employee information would be redacted pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1) (scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals) and Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) (personnel information concerning identifiable individuals.) The volume of records that would be required to search through and review is voluminous and would likely hundreds of dollars.

As an alternative, FCPS can generate a report for any bullying and harassment complaints made against Fairfax County Public employees (not limited to only educators or administrators) from 01/01/2019 to 04/11/2022. Please be advised that FCPS would still be required to search through the database to locate incident reports specific to bullying or harassment complaints and redact what remains of any personally identifiable student or employee information. A cost estimate for the aggregate data report is being provided to you below.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 8 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$280.00 (8 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.)

Pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3704(H), FCPS can require payment prior to processing your VFOIA request because the estimated costs will exceed \$200. FCPS estimates that it will cost \$280.00 to respond to your request. If you wish to continue with your VFOIA request, then please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal by clicking the link below. A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment. Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

If payment is not received within 30 days of this advanced cost notice, your request will be

considered withdrawn pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3704(F).

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["gascurka@sbgty.com"](mailto:gascurka@sbgty.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6412 Extension Notice
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:35:59 PM
Attachments: [first Garylast Scurka.msg](#)

Gary Scurka,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 12, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before April 28, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: gascurka@sbgvtv.com
Subject: first: Garylast: Scurka
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 2:36:39 PM

Submitted on Tue, 04/12/2022 - 14:36

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Gary Scurka

WJLA-TV 1100 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia. 22209

gascurka@sbgvtv.com

703-868-3053

Yes

Under the VFOIA, WJLA-TV requests copies of any bullying and harassment complaints made against educators and administrators of Fairfax County Public schools from 01/01/2019 to 04/11/2022. We believe this information is in the public interest, and request that any fees for searching and copying be waived. If fees are not waived, we request that you inform WJLA of any costs associated with this request that exceed \$100. Please send any information regarding this VFOIA to the above email address. If you have any questions, please call me at 703-868-3053. Thank you very much.

From: [Heather Zwicker](#)
To: [Shannon, Molly](#)
Cc: [Madeja, Beverly](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: VFOIA-6416 Extension Notice
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:47:41 PM
Attachments: [RE External MEDIA QUERY Superintendent search.eml.msg](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please cancel this FOIA request, which should not have been a FOIA request in the first place.

Thank you,
Heather Zwicker
Editor
Fairfax County Times

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Requests, FOIA** <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Date: Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 2:37 PM
Subject: VFOIA-6416 Extension Notice
To: heather@fairfaxtimes.com <heather@fairfaxtimes.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Heather Zwicker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 13, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before April 29, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["heather@fairfaxtimes.com"](mailto:heather@fairfaxtimes.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6416 Extension Notice
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:37:52 PM
Attachments: [RE External MEDIA QUERY Superintendent search.msg](#)

Heather Zwicker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 13, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before April 29, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: heather@fairfaxtimes.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] MEDIA QUERY: Superintendent search
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:51:53 PM

Heather Zwicker,

Your request for information requires a public records search. A Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) response will be provided to you on or before April 20, 2022.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Heather Zwicker <heather@fairfaxtimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:35 PM

To: Madeja, Beverly <BAMadeja@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] MEDIA QUERY: Superintendent search

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Good afternoon,

I'm working on a story regarding the superintendent search. I saw the statement that was released yesterday.

I'm wondering if Ms. Pekarsky or other school board members are willing to comment further on the topic. I've also listed some questions below.

Who sat on the hiring committee, which groups and which individuals?

What are the names of the people who sat on the non-board review committee?

When is the last time that committee was convened?

Can you provide a schedule of all the meetings that have taken place?

How many candidates applied?

How many were interviewed?

Specifically which date did Dr. Logan withdraw from consideration?

Are there any plans to look at candidates other than Dr. Michelle Reid?

Does the board plan to investigate the leak that occurred?

What obligations do you have under state law to notify the Virginia Board of Education about the status of the search?

How much money was spent on the search firm? Does the search firm only get paid if one of the candidates they found is selected?

What elected officials, political party officials other than school board members have been briefed on the process and status?

What legal trouble might FCPS face for breaching NDAs?

Do school board members also sign NDAs as part of this process?

Were there outside lawyers participating in the hiring committee meetings?

What are the next steps if there are no viable candidates from this first round?

My deadline is tomorrow morning.

Thank you,

Heather Zwicker

Editor

Fairfax County Times

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Luke Rosiak"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6424 Response
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:04:47 PM
Attachments: [RE VFOIA-6424 Clarification Needed.msg](#)
[Re VFOIA-6424 Clarification Needed.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6424 Rosiak Production_Redacted.pdf](#)

Luke Rosiak,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached PDF. Please be advised that information directly related to student/s was redacted pursuant to in part pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1). Individual personnel information was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) (personnel information concerning identifiable individuals).

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” The total costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$17.50 (.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.) Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below within thirty (30) days. Va. Code Ann. 2.2-3704(I). A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

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From: [Luke Rosiak](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6424 Clarification Needed
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:10:36 PM

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I will proceed.

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 1:56 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Luke Rosiak,

Thank you for clarifying the scope of your request.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require .5 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$17.50 (.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.) If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

As a courtesy, I also want to advise you that any responsive records are likely subject to exemption in part pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) (personnel information concerning identifiable individuals) and Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1) (personally identifiable scholastic information.)

Please let me know how you would like to proceed with your request.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Luke Rosiak <lrosiak@dailywire.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6424 Clarification Needed

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2020-09-01 through 2021-06-01.

On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 3:04 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Luke Rosiak,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 20, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“All emails in school board member Abrar Omeish's mailbox mentioning Marco Rando.”

VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B). The FCPS FOIA office requires additional details to conduct a central email search. Please provide a date range that you would like to use for this search.

Thank You,

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From: Luke Rosiak <lrosiak@dailywire.com>

Date: April 20, 2022 at 3:57:14 PM EDT

To: "Moult, Julie" <jmoult@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Marco Rando teacher messages with student

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Hi Julie,

I'm looking into these messages from South Lakes HS art teacher Marco Rando to a female student who felt uncomfortable with them. Is this kind of personal communication normal? What action has been taken in response to this? Did an investigation conclude that the screenshot was fabricated? If not, what action, if any, was taken against the teacher?

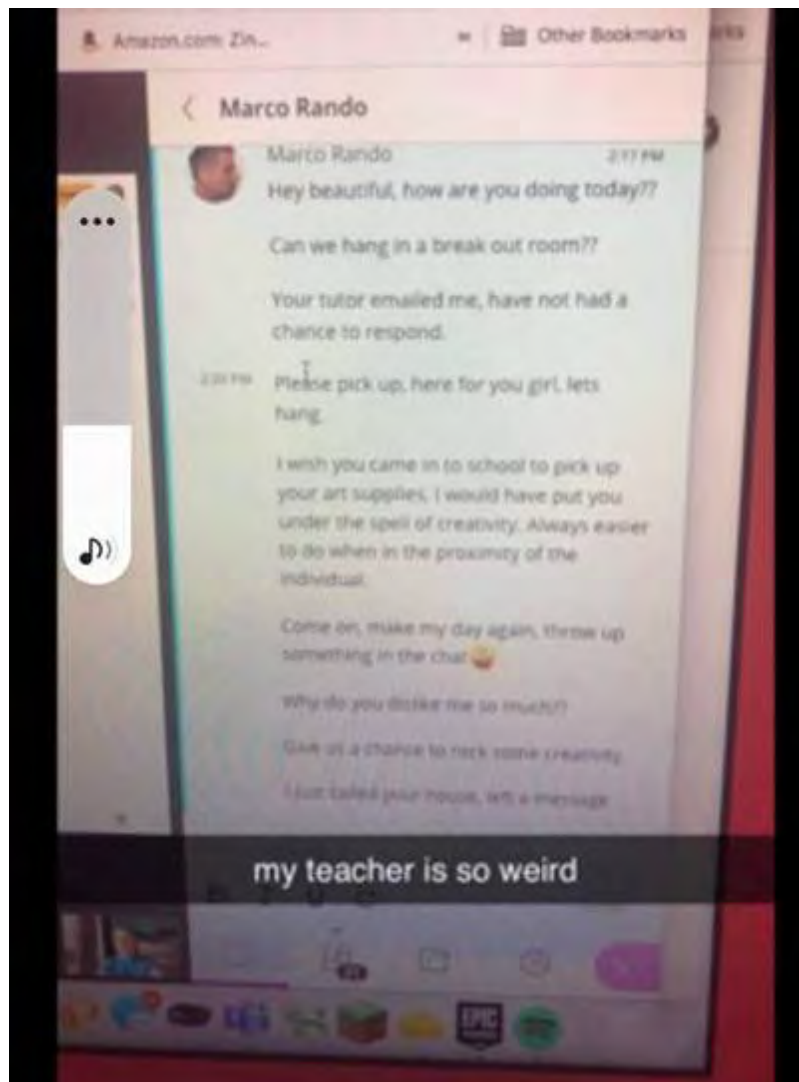
Also, please process a public records request for all emails in school board member Abrar Omeish's mailbox mentioning Marco Rando.

Thank you,

Luke Rosiak

Daily Wire

301-642-9637



From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: mbarnum@chalkbeat.org
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6428 Response
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:07:36 PM
Attachments: [first Mattlast Barnum.msg](#)

Matt Barnum,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“data from for each of the last five school years (including this current year)”

1. Student suspension rate (including the share of students suspended and the total number suspended). If possible please include the reason for suspension.
2. Student expulsion rate (including the share of students expelled and the total number suspended). If possible please include the reason for the expulsion.
3. The number of times police have been called to respond to incidents on school grounds (If possible, please include the reason police were called).
4. The number of fights on school grounds
5. Any and all district-wide survey data of students about their experience in schools (e.g. school climate surveys, perception of school safety surveys, etc) If possible please break all data down by quarter or semester of each year.

Regarding item 1, 2, and 3, Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR) can be accessed at the website linked below:

- <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/selection.do>

Once you access the website, then make the following selections for each year, 2016-17 to 2020-21. Select Fairfax County, and then select the offense type, the discipline type (this is the Administrative Response). Then, select the desired radio button options at the bottom of the data selection tool. Offense Frequency will list by offense category type (select Fight from the offense list). Disciplinary Outcome is a frequency count by offense category type by the administrative response for in or out of school suspensions. The current school year data will not be available until data is submitted and accepted by the Virginia Department of Education.

Additional discipline, crime, and school climate, and youth survey data is publicly available online at the links provided below:

- https://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/school_climate/index.shtml
- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/data/youth-survey>

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: mbarnum@chalkbeat.org
Subject: first: Mattlast: Barnum
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022 1:58:54 PM

Submitted on Thu, 04/21/2022 - 13:58

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Matt Barnum

450 Seventh Ave New York, New York. 10123

mbarnum@chalkbeat.org

8477720456

No

I am seeking the following data from for each of the last five school years (including this current year): —Student suspension rate (including the share of students suspended and the total number suspended). If possible please include the reason for suspension . —Student expulsion rate (including the share of students expelled and the total number suspended). If possible please include the reason for the expulsion. —The number of times police have been called to respond to incidents on school grounds (If possible, please include the reason police were called). —The number of fights on school grounds —Any and all district-wide survey data of students about their experience in schools (e.g. school climate surveys, perception of school safety surveys, etc) If possible please break all data down by quarter or semester of each year.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com"](mailto:mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6430 Response
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:10:56 PM

Mercia Hobson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on April 21, 2022.

In your request you seek:

“Curriculum vitae, Michelle Reid, Ed.D.”

Please be advised that the requested records are being withheld in their entirety as they are part of an individual’s personnel records. Specifically, the records are being withheld pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) and relate to resumes and curriculum vitae.

Regards,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: david@ffxnow.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6457 Response
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 3:44:26 PM

Mr. Taube,

Thank you for your email.

The referenced record is a student behavior incident report. This scholastic record is entirely exempt from release pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1) except from the subject thereof or parent or guardian of the student. Additionally, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC 1232f does not permit FCPS to release "information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty." As such, releasing this record would violate student privacy and FERPA.

It has been confirmed that this employee is no longer employed with FCPS.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: David Taube <david@ffxnow.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 12:09 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Fairfax County FOIA <FOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: [External] VFOIA-6457 Response

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Hello, Molly:

Thank you for the message in response to our inquiry regarding a bus driver who, according to a police affidavit, slapped a student.

I included a portion of the Commonwealth code and CC'd Amanda Kastl since it seemed that doing

so could help.

The bus driver's statement should be released, redacting the employee's name, rather than outright withheld. Virginia's FOIA addresses this:

§ 2.2-3704.01. Records containing both excluded and nonexcluded information; duty to redact

No provision of this chapter is intended, nor shall it be construed or applied, to authorize a public body to withhold a public record in its entirety on the grounds that some portion of the public record is excluded from disclosure by this chapter or by any other provision of law. A public record may be withheld from disclosure in its entirety only to the extent that an exclusion from disclosure under this chapter or other provision of law applies to the entire content of the public record. Otherwise, only those portions of the public record containing information subject to an exclusion under this chapter or other provision of law may be withheld, and all portions of the public record that are not so excluded shall be disclosed.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Best,
David

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

David Taube,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 6, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“electronic copies of (a) a statement that bus driver Lowell C. Washington made involving a student on March 16, 2022 and a slapping incident that reportedly happened then and (b) a record indicating whether he is currently employed by the school district.”

Please be advised that one responsive record to item (a) is being withheld in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) (personally identifiable personnel information) and Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1) (Scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals.) One record responsive to item (b) is being withheld in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) (personally identifiable personnel information).

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: david@ffxnow.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: FW: VFOIA-6458 Response
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:32:58 PM
Attachments: [first Davidlast Taube.msg](#)

David Taube,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 6, 2022.

In your request you seek:

“a digital copy or inspect the video that the district has involving bus driver Lowell C. Washington and a student on March 16, 2022”

Please be advised that the requested video is being withheld in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1)(Scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals.) Additionally, all video images maintained by the law enforcement unit are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to Section 2.2-3705.2(6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: david@ffxnow.com
Subject: first: Davidlast: Taube
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 5:52:11 PM

Submitted on Thu, 05/05/2022 - 17:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

David Taube

2343 Dulles Station Blvd. Herndon, Virginia. 20171

david@ffxnow.com

No

We'd like to get a digital copy or inspect the video that the district has involving bus driver Lowell C. Washington and a student on March 16, 2022.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Stephanie.Ramirez@FOX.COM"](mailto:Stephanie.Ramirez@FOX.COM)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6460 Response
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 4:08:40 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6460 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[image003.png](#)

Stephanie Ramirez,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Please see below and attached.

1. 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and for 2021-2022 July through Apr separation counts for teachers
2. Year by year attrition rates 2015-current data available.
3. 2015-current data available: please provide a report on the breakdown of teachers who have resigned, retired, distaff, and transfer, fired or dismissed

Regarding item 1 and 3, FCPS estimates that it will require 26 hours of labor time to produce records responsive to this request. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$910.00 (26 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.) Alternatively, the 5-year data set for effective resignations will be readily available for release tomorrow, May 25, 2022. Please let me know if you would be interested in this data as an alternative.

Regarding item 2 the October 2015 – October 2021 attrition data was readily available. That data is being provided to you below:

Oct 2015 - Oct 2016	9.94%
Oct 2016 - Oct 2017	8.91%
Oct 2017 - Oct 2018	8.91%
Oct 2018 - Oct 2019	8.25%
Oct 2019 - Oct 2020	7.03%
Oct.2020 - Oct 2021	9.55%

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: "Stephanie.Ramirez@FOX.COM"
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6460 Extension Notice
Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 3:35:21 PM

Stephanie Ramirez,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 6, 2022.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before May 24, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: Ramirez, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ramirez@FOX.COM>

Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 10:27 AM

To: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] FOX 5 on Teacher Retirement/Resignations

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Good morning,

We're looking at teacher resignations and retirements within MCPS and FCPS.

Within Montgomery County, we're learning according to the teacher's union, over 200 more teachers have indicated they plan to resign early or retire at the end of this school year compared to last year.

MCPS currently has 158,232 students and 24,589 teachers.

Can you please confirm where FCPS stands in those same figures and how the school system's teacher retention looks this year compared to 2021, 2020 and 2019?

Is there a concern from the school system that a significant number of teachers will depart FCPS this year?

FOX 5 is reporting on the matter for 4, 5 and 6 p.m. with a 1:30 p.m. deadline. We appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Stephanie Ramirez

FOX 5 DC Reporter

C: 856.237.6961

E: Stephanie.Ramirez@fox.com



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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Natanson, Hannah](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6463-1 Response
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:54:16 AM
Attachments: [RE External WashPost teacher resignations request.msg](#)

Hannah Natanson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

Information responsive to your request is provided below.

This query is limited to Teachers and Reading teachers. Guidance and Librarians have been removed

Year	Teacher Retirements	Teacher Resignations
2018	257	672
2019	247	630
2020	248	460
2021	253	716
2022	240	896

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
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Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Natanson, Hannah](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] WashPost teacher resignations request
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 2:17:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Hannah,

I received clarification from the data team. Yes, we can separate out resignations and retirements. Would you like both data points - separate?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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From: Natanson, Hannah <Hannah.Natanson@washpost.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 7:33 AM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] WashPost teacher resignations request

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Thank you! I understand. There's no way to separate out resignations versus retirements?

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Hannah Natanson

Staff Writer, The Washington Post

(202) 580-5477

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 12:32 PM

To: Natanson, Hannah <Hannah.Natanson@washpost.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] WashPost teacher resignations request

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi Hannah,

I have asked HR to pull the last 5 years of data for "TP separations".

TP separations = good faith separations for voluntary resignations and retirements. I am not clear on how the data lines up with that which is outlined below. There are a number of categories that may have been captured in the data below to include those who were terminated, those whose contract ended, etc.

TP separate is the cleanest data point for voluntary resignations and retirements. Please let me know if you have any questions about this explanation.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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From: Natanson, Hannah <Hannah.Natanson@washpost.com>

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:07 AM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] WashPost teacher resignations request

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Hi there, thanks for the call just now. As promised, here's an email with the data I've been sent on previous years' teacher resignation counts. I am also requesting the number of teacher resignations for this academic year (2021-2022) through June 15. Thanks!

The number of FCPS teachers who submitted resignation notices during the 2020-2021 academic year	1399	766
The number of FCPS teachers who submitted resignation notices during the 2019-2020 academic year	1215	851
The number of FCPS teachers who submitted resignation notices during the 2018-2019 academic year	1503	969

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Hannah Natanson
Staff Writer, The Washington Post
(202) 580-5477

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Tom Gantert"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6464 Response
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:26:55 AM
Attachments: [External I'm Tom Gantert. I'm managing editor of The Center Square the news site of the Franklin News Foundation..msg](#)
[FOIA Salaries Oct2019.xlsx](#)
[FOIA Salaries Oct2020.xlsx](#)
[FOIA Salaries Oct2021.xlsx](#)

Tom Gantert,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 10, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“The gross salaries of all employees of the Fairfax County Public Schools for the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.”

Records responsive to your request are attached to this email. All costs associated with providing you with these records have been waived as a one-time courtesy.

Regards,

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Tom Gantert](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6464 Response
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:14:38 AM

Good morning Tom,

My apologies for the error in reading your request. Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) only grants access to the official salary. Gross salary reflects employee personnel information such as benefit, retirement, etc. that reveal deductions that are personal in nature as such, FCPS cannot release gross salary information.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
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From: Tom Gantert <tgantert@franklinnewsfoundation.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] RE: VFOIA-6464 Response

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Hi,
My request was for gross salaries for the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
These appear to be base salaries. Is there any way I could get the gross salaries?

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:27 AM
To: [Tom Gantert](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6464 Response

Tom Gantert,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 10, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“The gross salaries of all employees of the Fairfax County Public Schools for the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.”

Records responsive to your request are attached to this email. All costs associated with providing you with these records have been waived as a one-time courtesy.

Regards,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Gelman, Scott](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6484 Response
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:51:56 AM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6484 Extension Notice.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

Information responsive to your request is provided below.

This query is limited to Teachers and Reading teachers. Guidance and Librarians have been removed

Year	Teacher Retirements	Teacher Resignations
2018	257	672
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Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Gelman, Scott](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6484 Extension Notice
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:57:35 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)
[RE VFOIA-6484 Cost Estimate .msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on June 16, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before July 6, 2022.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Gelman, Scott](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6484 Extension Notice
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:57:35 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)
[RE VFOIA-6484 Cost Estimate .msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on June 16, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before July 6, 2022.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:56:09 PM

Submitted on Tue, 05/17/2022 - 12:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Washington, District of Columbia. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

202-895-5327

Yes

Hello, I am a reporter at WTOP News. I am seeking the number of Fairfax County Public School teachers and administrators who have indicated that they are resigning or retiring at the end of the current school year. I am also seeking that information for the last two school years. Similarly, age ranges for teachers and administrators who have indicated they won't return would be helpful, as we're hoping to determine if teacher departures are among the age group that might be expected to retire or resign (retirement age) or whether they're across a range of ages. Thank you.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: david@ffxnow.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6485 Response
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 3:54:13 PM
Attachments: [RE External School bus driver incident.msg](#)
[Understanding the Regulations Governing the Use of Restraint and Seclusion Nov21.pdf](#)
[FCPS Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect 2021-22 August21.pdf](#)
[2115.pdf](#)
[R2115.pdf](#)

David Taube,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 17, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“info about the district's policies and training regarding student interactions and state law. Specifically, we wanted to know if the district trains staff on not hitting students. Was this in place prior to March 16? And were new policies/training added in this area or related to this area since March 16?”

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached PDFs. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS is waiving the costs associated with providing you with these records as a courtesy.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nicole Neily](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6486 Response
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:55:26 PM
Attachments: [External Re VFOIA-6486 Cost Estimate.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6486 Clarification Needed.msg](#)

Nicole Neily,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request and for clarifying the scope of the records that you seek on May 25, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the SmartFile link provided below. Please download a copy of the records for your personal use as the link will expire in 30 calendar days.

- https://file.ac/nFHhPkU_IQ/

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” The cost of supplying you with these records is \$122.50 (3.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.) Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below within thirty (30) days. Va. Code 2.2-3704(I). A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

[https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?
clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421)

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

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From: [Nicole Neily](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Re: VFOIA-6486 Cost Estimate
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 1:49:44 PM

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Yes, please proceed.

On Thu, May 26, 2022 at 1:38 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Nicole Neily,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request and for clarifying the scope of the records that you seek on May 25, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your FOIA request you stated that you would like an advance cost estimate of the estimated costs exceed \$20.00.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 5.5 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$192.50 (5.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response

Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nicole Neily](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6486 Clarification Needed
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 1:34:51 PM
Attachments: [External public records request.msg](#)

Nicole Neily,

Thank you for notifying us of the payment. We are proceeding with identifying responsive records.

A preliminary search revealed that some communications were pulled that are newsletters. Would you like the newsletters removed from the production to reduce costs? Some examples of the newsletters that were located are the National PTA Newsletters and Dranesville District - FCPS School Board Newsletters.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Nicole Neily <nicole.neily@defendinged.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Re: VFOIA-6486 (Notice of Past Due FOIA Fees for VFOIA-6188)

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Thank you - 6188 has just been paid.

On Wed, May 25, 2022 at 12:58 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Nicole Neily,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 18, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

This request has been assigned VFOIA number 6486.

Based on our records, you have not yet paid the \$122.50 owed for a prior VFOIA request VFOIA-6188 (second attachment) and this amount has been past due for more than 30 days.

Pursuant to Va. Code Ann. 2.2-3704(I), please pay this amount at your earliest convenience, so that we may proceed with processing your request. Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below. A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

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From: [Nicole Neily](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Shannon, Molly](#)
Subject: [External] public records request
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:49:16 AM

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Dear Ms. Shannon,

I am submitting a public records request pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§2.2-3704 et seq.) for the following information:
Kimberly Greer's emails, text messages, and instant messages between September 1, 2021 and May 17, 2022, containing the terms:

- "National School Board Association" and/or "NSBA"
- "American Association of Superintendents," "School Superintendents Association" and/or "AASA"
- "Federal law enforcement"
- "Domestic terrorism"
- "Patriot Act"
- "Interstate commerce"
- "Department of Justice"
- "Department of Homeland Security"
- "Secret Service"
- "Postal Investigation Service"
- "White House"
- "Federal Bureau of Investigation" and/or "FBI"
- "Merrick Garland" and/or "Attorney General"
- "Secretary Cardona," "Miguel Cardona," "Cordona," "Education Secretary," and/or "Secretary of Education"
- "Vanita Gupta"
- "Catherine Lhamon"
- "Parents Defending Education" and/or "PDE"
- All emails from or that were copied to:
 - violamgarcia@yahoo.com
 - vmgarcia@board.aldineisd.org
 - garciav@uhd.edu
 - csclaven@nsba.org
 - nellerson@aasa.org
 - ddomenech@aasa.org
 - pimhoff@uaschools.org

We respectfully request a waiver or reduction of fees associated with this request. Parents Defending Education is a nonprofit organization and it does not intend to use the requested records for private commercial interests. The primary purpose of this request is to inform the public's understanding of Ms. Greer's role in the creation of a statement issued by the National Association for Secondary School Principals

(NASSP) on September 16, 2021. Parents Defending Education has a proven track record of disseminating news about K-12 education and it expects to publicize the results of this request on its website. See <https://defendinged.org/>. To minimize the burden of production, I can accept records electronically and double-sided copies. That being said, if there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$20.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within 5 business days. If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information, and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Nicole Neily
President
Parents Defending Education

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["ebenesh@vpap.org"](mailto:ebenesh@vpap.org)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6498 Response
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 11:52:20 AM
Attachments: [Extension Notice for VFOIA-6498.msg](#)

Eli Benesh,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 24, 2022. On June 1, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. The date when teachers must renew their contracts for next school year in Fairfax.
2. Data on the teacher vacancies for last year.
3. The number of teachers that were hired/taught with provisional licenses.

As a preliminary matter please be advised that VFOIA "applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions." VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). As a courtesy responses to your questions are outlined below. If you seek public records, then please clarify what public records you seek. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B).

- The teacher resignation deadline is June 15, 2022. The teacher transfer deadline (within FCPS) is June 24, 2022.
- Teacher vacancies defined as number of teacher positions filled for SY 21-22 through 9/30/22, plus number of unfilled teacher positions as of 9/30/22= **2,117**.
- **819** teachers hired/taught with provisional licenses as of October 1, 2021.

Regards,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["ebenesh@vpap.org"](mailto:ebenesh@vpap.org)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: Extension Notice for VFOIA-6498
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:37:33 PM

Eli Benesh,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on May 24, 2022.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before June 10, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: Eli Benesh <ebenesh@vpap.org>

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 3:55 PM

To: Martinez, Eli <emartinez@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Teacher Vacancies

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Dear Fairfax Human Resources Department,

My name is Eli from the Virginia Public Access Project and I am looking into teacher vacancies across Virginia's school districts. I was wondering if you could tell me the date when teachers must renew their contracts for next school year in Fairfax. Also, I was wondering if you could send me your data on the teacher vacancies for last year as well as the number of teachers that were hired/taught with provisional licenses. In general, any data you can give me on teacher vacancies would be greatly appreciated. If you don't have this data, it would be a great help if you could put me in contact with someone who does.

Thank you,

Eli Benesh

VPAP

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Roth, Michael B](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6504 TJHSST Data
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 9:53:20 AM

Hi Mike,

I left a message for this requester and have not heard back yet from them. If you speak with them, could you please ask for their email address?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7:41 AM
To: Roth, Michael B <mbroth@fcps.edu>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: Message from [V]AQUINO,ISABELLA (7578420138)

Hi Michael,

Thank you for forwarding along. I believe we have this data on hand from previous requests. I will handle accordingly.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Roth, Michael B <mbroth@fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 6:21 PM
To: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Message from [V]AQUINO,ISABELLA (7578420138)

Molly,
On this voicemail I have aFOIA request for TJ demographic info on class of 2026.
Thanks,
Mike

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From: Roth, Michael B
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 1:09:11 PM
To: Lloyd, Helen A <halloyd@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>
Subject: FW: Message from [V]AQUINO,ISABELLA (7578420138)

Helen and Julie,
I received a media request for some demographic data. I know everyone over there is sick, so I'm willing to handle this if you would like.
Thanks,

Mike Roth
Communications Support Specialist
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Office (703) 750-5032
Email: mbroth@fcps.edu

From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@voicemail2.fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:43 PM
To: tjeff_main_office_operator@voicemail2.fcps.edu
Subject: Message from [V]AQUINO,ISABELLA (7578420138)

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Mercia Hobson](#); kimm.mary@gmail.com
Cc: MediaRelations@fcps.edu; [Lloyd, Helen A](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6512 Response
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:37:00 PM

Mercia,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on June 1, 2022.

A diligent search was conducted, and it was confirmed that we do not have records responsive to your request.

As mentioned on our call and provided to you via email. The link below provides publicly available information on the VDOE website.

- <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/selection.do>

Additional information may be in the custody of Fairfax County Government. Contact information for the County is included below:

Fairfax County Government

Countywide FOIA Office

Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 551
Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0065
FOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/foia>

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Mercia Hobson <mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Req. for information

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/selection.do>

From: Visioli, Beth <elvisioli@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:51 AM

To: Mary Kimm <kimm.mary@gmail.com>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Cc: Mercia Hobson <mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com>; Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Req. for information

Good morning Mary and Mercia—

Your request is one that will involve FOIA. They have been cc'd here as an official request on your behalf.

On Jun 1, 2022, at 9:42 AM, Mercia Hobson
<mhobson@connectionnewspapers.com> wrote:

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Julie- What information does FCPS hold on K-12 FCPS shooting incidents at its schools/facilities?

This is our primary request.
Is there a database available detailing K-12 FCPS firearm incidents of active shooters, and if so, we request the information by 1p today.

Secondarily. we request information on when/where a firearm was fired on FCPS property or the bullet entered FCPS property for any reason, the

outcome/ number of victims, etc.,
deadline: by 1p today.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

[Mercia Hobson](#) | Staff Reporter

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: jo@the74million.org
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Moult, Julie](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6518 Response
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:56:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Jo Napolitano,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on FCPS received the attached FOIA request on June 7, 2022.

In your request you seek:

1. How many elementary students are in you district?
2. What grades does this include?
3. How many elementary students are in Gifted & Talented programs?
4. How many of the kids in Gifted & Talented also have an IEP?
5. How many of the kids in Gifted & Talented have 504s?
6. Is there any other category of student that I'm missing who would be considered "special needs"?

As a preliminary matter please be advised that VFOIA "applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions." VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). However, FCPS endeavored to locate reports that contain answers to your questions.

The link provided below, directs you to the FCPS Equity Profile which provides you with disaggregated data related to Total Membership, Advanced Academic Programs (AAP), Economically Disadvantaged, English Learners (EL), and Students with Disabilities.

- [Workbook: Demographics \(tableau.com\)](#)

Additional membership data is publicly available online at the links provided below. Please feel free to contact me directly for assistance with navigating these reports.

- [VDOE :: Enrollment and Demographics \(virginia.gov\)](#)
- [FCPS - School Profiles - - School Selection Page](#)
- [Fall Membership \(virginia.gov\)](#)

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:56 AM

To: Jo Napolitano <jo@the74million.org>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Gifted and Talented

Hi Jo,

Your request will require a FOIA search. I have copied our FOIA officer for your convenience.

Regards

Julie

From: Jo Napolitano <jo@the74million.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:51 AM

To: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Gifted and Talented

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Good afternoon,

I reached out to you late last year for a story on the number of ELL/ESL kids in elementary school Gifted & Talented at your district. I asked about special needs children, too, but wanted to double back and get more update figures if they are available.

My questions:

How many elementary students are in your district?

What grades does this include?

How many elementary students are in Gifted & Talented programs?

How many of the kids in Gifted & Talented also have an IEP?

How many of the kids in Gifted & Talented have 504s?

Is there any other category of student that I'm missing who would be considered "special needs"?

I so appreciate your help. It would be great to have this info by Friday.

Please call me with any questions and thank you.

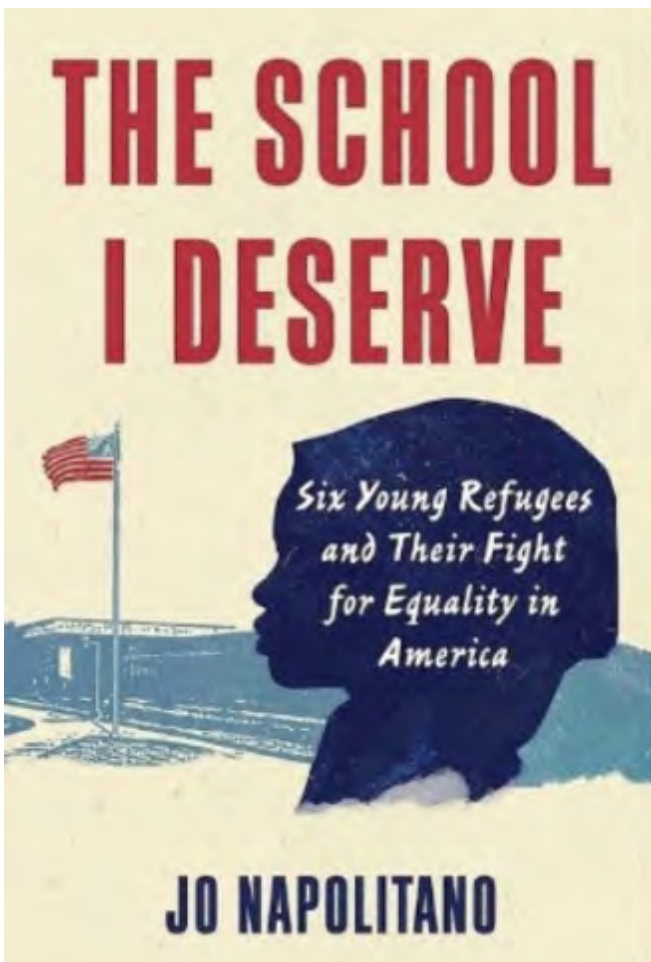
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- Winner, Fund for Investigative Journalism, 2020
- Education Writers Association Fellow, 2020
- Spencer Education Fellow, Columbia University, class of 2017
- Formerly of *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Newsday*
- Author, "The School I Deserve," (Beacon Press, April 2021)



From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: GHauck@usatoday.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Moult, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6520 Security Questions
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 9:33:02 AM

Hi Grace,

Records responsive to your request are publicly available online at the links provided below. If you seek additional records, then please clearly cite the records seek. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). As a courtesy, answers to your questions are provided after each of your questions in your June 3, 2022 email below.

- [VA Code](#),
- [FCPS regulations](#).

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Hauck, Grace
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>
Cc: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE:

Hello Julie,

I just wanted to follow up with a few more questions. For context, we are asking these questions of each of the nation's 25 largest school districts.

I know it is late on a Friday, so responses by EOD Monday would be ideal, if possible!

I know that some of these questions are similar to what I sent—and what you responded to—earlier, but several request a bit more specificity or description.

1. Does your school district have its own police department? **No, but our office of safety and security is a law enforcement unit of record. We have 24/7 uniformed school security officers/patrols.**
2. Does your school district employ school resource officers? **Yes, at all middle and high**

- schools** If so, are these officers armed? **Yes**
3. Does your school district arm teachers? **No** If so, what do you arm teachers with? **NA**
 4. Who trains school personnel in active shooter response protocols? **School administrators, and Our Office of safety and security** Law enforcement? **In collaboration with them.** A private company? **No** nonprofit? No Other (please specify)? **NA**
 5. Who trains students in active shooter response protocols? **School staff, part of required annual safety and security training for all students and staff. This is in addition to drills.** School personnel? **Yes, along with our office of safety and security.** Law enforcement? **In collaboration with them** A private company? **No** A nonprofit? **No** Other (please specify)? **NA**
 6. Does your school district use a particular model or approach to train school personnel in active shooter response? **Options based approach, no name.** If so, what is its name and what does it entail? **Our lockdown protocol entails comprehensive training, drills, and exercises. Additional information can be found [here](#), and [here](#).**
 7. Does your school district use a particular model or approach to train students in active shooter response? If so, what is its name and what does it entail? **Options based approach, no name.** If so, what is its name and what does it entail? **Our lockdown protocol entails comprehensive training, drills, and exercises. Additional information can be found [here](#), and [here](#).**
 8. Does your school district require schools to run drills to prepare for a possible active shooter situation? **Yes** If so, what is the name of the drill(s), Lockdown and what does it entail? **Conducted at least twice each school year, 12 evacuation drills each school year, Classroom instruction on options and specific actions during the drill.**
 9. Does your school district require schools to run drills, with students present, to prepare for a possible active shooter situation? **Yes** If so, what is the name of the drill(s), and what does it entail? **Conducted at least twice each school year, 12 evacuation drills each school year, Classroom instruction on options and specific actions during the drill.**
 10. Does your school district run active shooter simulations for school personnel? **Yes** If so, what do these entail? **Conducted at least twice each school year, 12 evacuation drills each school year, Classroom instruction on options and specific actions during the drill. Additionally, all schools receive on site safety and security training which includes a table top exercise annually. This coincides with our centralized crisis management program and crisis management plans.**
 11. Does your school district run active shooter simulations for students? **Clarification needed, but if the inference is with training weapons and other related simulations, then the answer is no. Our instruction and training discusses weapons and intruders.** If so, what do these entail? **NA**

Best,
Grace Hauck

From: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:52 PM
To: Hauck, Grace <GHauck@usatoday.com>
Cc: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject:

Hi Grace

Please see below answers to your earlier questions.

All the best

1. How do schools in your district prepare for active shooter situations? **We have a robust safety and security program that is centered around crisis management plans and comprehensive training for students and staff. Part of this program is conducting lockdown, fire/evacuation, and tornado drills.** Does your district employ or promote a particular model of active shooter response training? **We deploy an options based approach model.**
2. How often do your schools conduct school-wide active shooter drills and/or trainings? **Lockdown drills are conducted at least 2 times per school year, fire/evacuation drills are conducted at least 12 times per year, and a tornado drill is conducted 1 time each year. In addition to these drills, our Office of Safety and Security conducts on site safety and security training and table top exercises annually at all schools. Lastly, all students and staff are required to take annual safety and security training.**
3. Do these drills involve simulations? **Yes, they involve structured simulations and instruction that are grade level specific (Elementary and Middle/High School).** Do these drills ever involve the presence of a gun, real or fake? **No**

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Flack, Eric"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6539 Response
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:05:39 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6539 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6539 Redacted.pdf](#)

Eric Flack,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on June 21, 2022. On July 15, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request. FCPS received payment for your request on August 1, 2022. On August 3, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

Open work order reports for SY2021-2022:

“all open work orders in school buildings for the following security devices: security cameras, locks including metal door locks, metal detectors, swipe card access panels, identification card readers, or other security related equipment within schools in your system.”

Records responsive to your request are being provided via the attached spreadsheets. Please be advised that with information revealing the location or operation of security equipment and systems was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.2(14)(a). Information revealing Surveillance techniques, and alarm or security systems or technologies was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.2(14)(c).

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Flack, Eric"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6539 Extension Notice
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 11:27:57 AM
Attachments: [External WUSA9 FOIA.msg](#)
[RE External RE VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed .msg](#)
[External MySchoolBucks Payment Notification.msg](#)

Eric Flack,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on June 21, 2022. On July 15, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request. FCPS received payment for your request on August 1, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before August 11, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Flack, Eric](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] WUSA9 FOIA
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 4:09:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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I would like to request copies of all open work orders in school buildings for the following security devices: security cameras, locks including metal door locks, metal detectors, swipe card access panels, identification card readers, or other security related equipment within schools in your system.

Thank you!

ERIC FLACK (HE/HIM) | Chief Investigative Reporter

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From: [Flack, Eric](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, July 15, 2022 2:24:53 PM

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So sorry just now responding. School year please. Thank you.

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed

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Hi Eric,
Please see highlighted below. Do you want to use calendar year or school year?
Thanks,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed

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Yes Molly that sounds perfect thank you!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed

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Hi Eric,
Open work orders may go as far back as 2006, particularly if it is a work order associated with pending construction.
Limiting the date range by current calendar year or **school year** may be best. You can always submit

additional requests if you want more information.
Would you like to limit by the current calendar year or school year?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:10 AM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] RE: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed

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Hi Molly – so the date range would be anything that is open as of this date or whenever the search is conducted? So I guess we could say 6/27/2022. Is that possible? Or would it make more sense to offer a date range of the last day of school in Fairfax County last year? Not know how the records are kept or what they look like I'm open to whatever is easiest.
We can also chat by phone if you prefer. – (202) 768-0102.

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:08 AM

To: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: VFOIA-6539 Clarification Needed

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Eric Flack,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on June 21, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Copies of all open work orders in school buildings for the following security devices: security cameras, locks including metal door locks, metal detectors, swipe card access panels, identification card readers, or other security related equipment within schools in your system.”

VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B). Additional information is required in order for FCPS to conduct a targeted search. Please provide a date range that you would like to use for the search.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] MySchoolBucks Payment Notification
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 3:39:52 PM

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MySchoolBucks Payment Notification

This message is sent as a notification of a MySchoolBucks online payment.

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Product	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price
FOIA Payment Portal	\$525.00	1	\$525.00

First Name: Eric
Last Name: Flack
Email Address: eflack@wusa9.com
Date Request Made: 2022-08-01
Request Details: Payment for estimated FOIA cost
VFOIA Number: 6539

Subtotal:	\$525.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Program Fee:	\$0.00
Grand Total:	\$525.00
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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Will Callan](#); [Moult, Julie](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending
Date: Monday, October 31, 2022 10:50:47 AM
Attachments: [FAIRFAX-Working.Final.docx](#)

Will,

Please see attached for the requested record.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:04 AM

To: Will Callan wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org; Moult, Julie jmoult@fcps.edu

Cc: Requests, FOIA FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu

Subject: RE: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

Will,

Thank you for confirming that you would like to receive the audit record. A response to your record request will be provided to you on or before November 2, 2022.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:39 PM

To: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>; Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Thanks, Molly. If you are able to share that audit record, please do.

Some more info would be helpful, though, so I'll direct my questions to Julie, since she's handling communications.

Can you explain what a non-vendor-specific literacy audit is?

And thank you for the transparency website -- that's what we used to calculate the total. But because the district didn't provide us with a grand total (e.g., through a vendor report), we wanted to confirm our number with you. We don't want to misrepresent the data!

Julie, can you confirm that number and time period as well?

Thanks to both of you!
Will

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Will Callan
Reporter
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415-624-6123

From: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 10:26 AM

To: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Will,

The purview of my office is to provide public records. I am happy to provide you with the referenced record if you wish to obtain a copy. Please let me know.

Payment information is publicly available online at the link provided below. Heinemann is sometimes also referred to as Greenwood Publishing Group. On transparency website from 2013 – 2019 payments are documented under Heinemann and 2020-2022 payments are documented under Greenwood. The link to the Transparency vendor payments site is provided below. You may use this link to confirm your numbers.

- [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:50 PM

To: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Thanks, Molly.

Can you explain what you mean by "not vendor specific"? What gets audited? And was 2015 the last such audit?

Also, can you confirm the total spending figure in my first question?

Appreciate it,

Will

--

Will Callan
Reporter
APM Reports
415-624-6123

From: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 5:43 AM

To: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Hi Will,

That is correct. There were no responsive records for the request:

“Any district evaluations about schools’ use of products created by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell (such as Fountas & Pinnell Classroom, Leveled Literacy Intervention or Benchmark Assessment System) or by Lucy Calkins (such as the Units of Study or TCRWP Classroom Libraries). These reports may include employee or parent surveys, test-score or other data analysis, or academic literature reviews.”

There was a literacy audit done in 2015 that was not vendor specific.

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 7:41 PM

To: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Cc: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Yep, that's my assumption as well -- and that's why I asked the second question in my original email.

Thank you!

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Will Callan
Reporter
APM Reports
415-624-6123

From: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 4:38 PM

To: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Cc: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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I'm cc'ing Molly here to see if she can help but I can only assume that if there was nothing provided, then there were no such records.

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On Oct 25, 2022, at 7:36 PM, Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org> wrote:

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Thanks, Julie. By you I mean the district. The second part of our records request (submitted 6/29/22 through your FOIA officer Molly Shannon) asked for any evaluations of Heinemann products that the district had performed, and we didn't receive any.

--

Will Callan
Reporter
APM Reports
415-624-6123

From: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 4:20 PM

To: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Will,

When you say "you" didn't provide. Are you referring specifically to myself?

Please remind me of the request. It does not ring any bells.

Julie

We also asked for evaluations of Heinemann products, and you didn't provide us with any.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2022, at 7:12 PM, Will Callan
<wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org> wrote:

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Dear Julie,

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To: [Will Callan](#); [Moult, Julie](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:04:02 AM

Will,

Thank you for confirming that you would like to receive the audit record. A response to your record request will be provided to you on or before November 2, 2022.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Will Callan <wcallan@americanpublicmedia.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:39 PM

To: Shannon, Molly <mshannon@fcps.edu>; Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request - instructional materials spending

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Thanks, Molly. If you are able to share that audit record, please do.

Some more info would be helpful, though, so I'll direct my questions to Julie, since she's handling communications.

Can you explain what a non-vendor-specific literacy audit is?

And thank you for the transparency website -- that's what we used to calculate the total. But because the district didn't provide us with a grand total (e.g., through a vendor report), we wanted to confirm our number with you. We don't want to misrepresent the data!

Julie, can you confirm that number and time period as well?

Thanks to both of you!

Will

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Will Callan

Reporter

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415-624-6123

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To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: cpeak@apmreports.org
Subject: first: Christopherlast: Peak
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:43:41 PM

Submitted on Wed, 06/29/2022 - 13:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Christopher Peak

138 Linden Blvd, Fl 2 Brooklyn, New York. 11226

cpeak@apmreports.org

310-383-7475

Yes

I am a public radio reporter working on a project about how early literacy is taught in schools, and I'm collecting information about curricular selections from school districts across the country. To that end, under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking the following records from Fairfax County Public Schools: 1. Any financial records, such as an income-and-expense statement, that detail every transaction since July 1, 2012, related to payments for the following entities: a. Heinemann (sometimes also referred to as Greenwood Publishing Group) b. Literacy Collaborative c. Fountas & Pinnell LLC d. Gay Su Pinnell LLC e. Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (sometimes also abbreviated as TCRWP) f. Reading & Writing Project Network LLC g. Lucy Calkins LLC 2. Any district evaluations about schools' use of products created by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell (such as Fountas & Pinnell Classroom, Leveled Literacy Intervention or Benchmark Assessment System) or by Lucy Calkins (such as the Units of Study or TCRWP Classroom Libraries). These reports may include employee or parent surveys, test-score or other data analysis, or academic literature reviews. Where available, please provide records in a machine-readable electronic format, preferably by email or file-transfer. I also ask that you waive any duplication fees because the release of this information is in the public interest. Our reporting will help families understand which reading programs are used in their schools and other schools nationwide and what effect they are having. If you have any questions regarding this request, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would appreciate you communicating with me by electronic mail, rather than by postal mail. I am also reachable any time at 310-383-7475. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Chris Peak](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:42:05 AM

Chris Peak,

After speaking with the Financial Services Department (FSD) it appears information is publicly available online by conducting a vendor search. FSD advised that Heinemann is sometimes also referred to as Greenwood Publishing Group.

On transparency website from 2013 – 2019 payments are documented under Heinemann and 2020-2022 payments are documented under Greenwood. The link to the Transparency vendor payments site is provided below.

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If you seek underlying reports for a single school, FSD estimates that it will require at least 4 hours of labor time to search for and produce responsive reports for P-card transactions. Additional time will be required if you seek supporting documentation for each P-card transaction.

Please let me know if the information on the Transparency site satisfies the information you seek.

Thank you for your patience.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 12:19 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
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Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

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I don't think I received a response to my last email, so I'm checking in about this again. Could you please let me know how the search went?

From: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 6:40 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

Hi there,

I'm following up again to see how this search went. Please let me know! I'd really like to close this out!

Thanks again,

Chris

From: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 3:26 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

Hi there,

I wanted to check in about how this search went. I'll be out of the office for the next few days, so if you could give me an update next week, that would be really helpful!

Thanks so much,

Chris

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:36 AM
To: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
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Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

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Mr. Peak,

I apologize for the delay in response to the email below. I will have finance do a district wide vendor check for "Heinemann" before proceeding with the record search at Clearview Elementary School. I will be in touch as soon as I receive that information on "next steps".

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To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

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Just to confirm, were you able to check if Heinemann is listed in the financial system as part of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt? I'm still thinking that might be the way it is listed centrally for the district-level purchases.

But if we're still unable to find something, I think you're right that we should maybe begin with a more target search and see if anything turns up. Maybe let's start with Clearview Elementary School, because they have submitted their use of these programs in past reports to the state. Let me know if that sounds okay to you?

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 at 3:27 PM

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Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate

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Mr. Peak,

Thank you for your follow-up.

I would be happy to coordinate your request with the 12 schools cited in your request. However, you may wish to narrow the list of schools to reduce the associated costs. You can submit requests for additional schools in the future if you choose to narrow your request based on the cost estimate and my advice to narrow. Please see below for the cost estimate response.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require at least one hour for each school to conduct a record search. The minimum time estimated to respond to your request is 12 hours of labor time. Please keep in mind this time may increase depending on the volume of records identified in that search. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$420.00 (12 hours at the rate of \$35/hour).

Pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3704(H), the FCPS can require payment prior to processing your VFOIA request because the estimated costs will exceed \$200. If you wish to continue with your VFOIA request, then please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal by clicking the link below. A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment. Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below. You may wish to narrow this request by reducing the number of schools included in this search.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

If payment is not received within 30 days of this advanced cost notice, your request will be considered withdrawn pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3704(F).

Thank you,

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From: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:51 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Response

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The only idea I could think of is that Heinemann might be listed under their parent company's name? They are owned by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, sometimes abbreviated as HMH. Would you be able to check that?

If we're still not finding anything, maybe we can do a search at the 12 schools that I listed in my last email. But I'm hoping we'll be able to find the right vendor name to avoid that! Thanks for all your help with this!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
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Chris Peak,

Thank you for the information provided below. I spoke with our Financial Services Department and they were unable to locate these vendors by name. If we do have responsive records, it is likely that the information is captured under the publisher or supplier name rather than the organization name, which is why records cannot be located.

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Hi Molly,

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Thanks again,

Chris

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 3:27 PM
To: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6552 Response

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Christopher Peak,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools on June 29, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

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Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Chris Peak](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Cost Estimate
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:26:56 PM

Mr. Peak,

Thank you for your follow-up.

I would be happy to coordinate your request with the 12 schools cited in your request. However, you may wish to narrow the list of schools to reduce the associated costs. You can submit requests for additional schools in the future if you choose to narrow your request based on the cost estimate and my advice to narrow. Please see below for the cost estimate response.

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<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

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Thank you,

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To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6552 Response

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The only idea I could think of is that Heinemann might be listed under their parent company's name? They are owned by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, sometimes abbreviated as HMH. Would you be able to check that?

If we're still not finding anything, maybe we can do a search at the 12 schools that I listed in my last email. But I'm hoping we'll be able to find the right vendor name to avoid that! Thanks for all your help with this!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 at 12:42 PM
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Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Response

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From: Chris Peak <cpeak@apmreports.org>
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To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
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To: [Chris Peak](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6552 Response
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 12:41:52 PM

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: cpeak@apmreports.org
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6552 Response
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022 3:27:44 PM
Attachments: [first Christopherlast Peak.msg](#)

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: cpeak@apmreports.org
Subject: first: Christopherlast: Peak
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:43:41 PM

Submitted on Wed, 06/29/2022 - 13:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Christopher Peak

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cpeak@apmreports.org

310-383-7475

Yes

I am a public radio reporter working on a project about how early literacy is taught in schools, and I'm collecting information about curricular selections from school districts across the country. To that end, under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking the following records from Fairfax County Public Schools: 1. Any financial records, such as an income-and-expense statement, that detail every transaction since July 1, 2012, related to payments for the following entities: a. Heinemann (sometimes also referred to as Greenwood Publishing Group) b. Literacy Collaborative c. Fountas & Pinnell LLC d. Gay Su Pinnell LLC e. Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (sometimes also abbreviated as TCRWP) f. Reading & Writing Project Network LLC g. Lucy Calkins LLC 2. Any district evaluations about schools' use of products created by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell (such as Fountas & Pinnell Classroom, Leveled Literacy Intervention or Benchmark Assessment System) or by Lucy Calkins (such as the Units of Study or TCRWP Classroom Libraries). These reports may include employee or parent surveys, test-score or other data analysis, or academic literature reviews. Where available, please provide records in a machine-readable electronic format, preferably by email or file-transfer. I also ask that you waive any duplication fees because the release of this information is in the public interest. Our reporting will help families understand which reading programs are used in their schools and other schools nationwide and what effect they are having. If you have any questions regarding this request, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would appreciate you communicating with me by electronic mail, rather than by postal mail. I am also reachable any time at 310-383-7475. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Lurye, Sharon](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6553 Response
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:13:32 AM

Hi Sharon,

Thank you for your follow-up and I apologize for missing the reminder to follow-up with you on this.

The data has not been validated for publishing. The deadline for validation is July 29th. However, there could be lag time in actual publication once the data is validated by the CRDC.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: Lurye, Sharon <SLurye@ap.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 6:28 PM
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Subject: Re: VFOIA-6553 Response

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Hello! I wanted to follow up on our previous conversation. Were you able to receive an update as to when the CRDC data would be validated for publication?

Sincerely yours,

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Sharon Lurye
Data Reporter, Education Reporting Network
The Associated Press

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From: Lurye, Sharon <SLurye@ap.org>

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 12:57 PM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: VFOIA-6553 Response

Yes, that works. Thanks so much for following up, I appreciate it!

Sincerely,

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Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 12:44 PM

To: Lurye, Sharon <SLurye@ap.org>, Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: VFOIA-6553 Response

[EXTERNAL]

I've set a reminder on my calendar to follow-up with you on the 12th. I will reach out to you on timeline then if that works for you?

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Thanks very much for this information. May I follow up with you again next week after you receive the update on when the data will be validated for publication?

Sincerely yours,

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To: Lurye, Sharon <SLurye@ap.org>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6553 Response

[EXTERNAL]

Sharon Lurye,

Currently, the CRDC data for SY2020-2021 is being reviewed as part of a data quality analysis. FCPS cannot complete or release data from the CRDC submission until this process is complete.

Also, in discussions with the analyst who prepared the data, FCPS data is not presented in the format that was requested, so it would be a major project for FCPS to produce the data. However, all the data requested will be available on the CRDC website, as charts, graphs, and downloadable data once the data is validated and accepted by the CRDC.

I do not have a timeline for when this data will be posted publicly. However, I anticipate receiving an update on or around July 11, 2022 as to when the data may be validated for publication by the

CRDC.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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From: Lurye, Sharon <SLurye@ap.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:42 AM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] FOIA request for civil rights data

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Dear Ms. Shannon,

Hello! My name is Sharon Lurye and I'm an education journalist at the Associated Press. My colleagues and I are working to collect education data from several large districts around the country, and I wanted to reach out with an informational request. Districts were required to respond to a survey from the federal government and submit data on various civil-rights-related topics to the Civil Rights Data Collection for the 2020-21 school year.

Would it be possible to request the data which the school district submitted to the CRDC for that school year? This would include all the data elements listed on this page, including district- and school-level characteristics, with the exception of those which are crossed out:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/2020-21-crdc-data-elements.pdf>

Thank you so much for your help. Please feel free to call me at 732-672-1452 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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To: [Sean McGoey](#)
Cc: [Jess Nocera](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6557 Response
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:47:32 AM

Sean,

Please see the requested information below.

This query is limited to Teachers and Reading teachers. Guidance and Librarians have been removed

Year	Teacher Retirements	Teacher Resignations
2018	257	672
2019	247	630
2020	248	460
2021	253	716
2022	240	896

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:47 PM
To: Sean McGoey <SMcGoey@timesdispatch.com>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Jess Nocera <JNocera@timesdispatch.com>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: VFOIA-6557 Response

Sean – I believe I have the last 5 years readily available.

Let me confirm the data with HR and I will be in touch once I receive their confirmation

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From: Sean McGoey <SMcGoey@timesdispatch.com>**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:51 AM**To:** Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>**Cc:** Jess Nocera <JNocera@timesdispatch.com>**Subject:** [External] RE: VFOIA-6557 Response

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Hi Molly,

Following up here – I'm still interested in getting a revised estimate for the resignation records, but can you also give us an idea of the volume and type of records we would be receiving? We want to make sure we know what we're getting before we commit to spending money and taking up FCPS time.

Thank you,

Sean McGoey

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Data Reporter

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From: Sean McGoey**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 4:55 PM**To:** 'Requests, FOIA'**Cc:** Jess Nocera**Subject:** RE: VFOIA-6557 Response

Hi Molly,

Thank you for sending this update. Can you give a revised estimate of the cost we'd incur if we narrowed this request down only to the first item (resignations effective in June, by year) and sought five years' worth of numbers rather than 10?

Best,
Sean McGoey

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From: Requests, FOIA [mailto:FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Sean McGoey
Cc: Requests, FOIA
Subject: VFOIA-6557 Response

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Sean McGoey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. "Resignations by Fairfax County Public Schools teachers during the month of June in each of the last 10 calendar years (June 2012 to June 2022)
2. The number of unfilled positions at the end of the last 10 school years (2011-12 to 2021-22), broken out by:

- Teachers (both full-time and substitute)
- School administrators
- Instructional assistants (or equivalent position)
- School counselors
- School nurses
- Food service workers

3. Overall staffing numbers for the district at the start of each of the last 10 school years (2011-12 to 2021-22)”

Your request was coordinated your request with the FCPS Human Resources Department (HR). Our detailed response is provided below.

Regarding item 1, FCPS estimates that it will require **8 hours** of labor time to respond to item 1. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are **\$280.00** (8 hours at the rate of \$35/hour).

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Regarding item 2, FCPS does not track vacancies through the end of the school year. Therefore, there are no records responsive to your request.

Regarding item 3, FCPS only has responsive records for teacher vacancy data on the first day of school going back to SY 2015-2016. The time to gather these records would be minimal. FCPS would be willing to waive all costs for this portion of your request.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Sean McGoeys"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: FW: VFOIA-6560 Response
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:42:40 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6560 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Sean McGoeys,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on July 5, 2022. On July 8, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. How much money has Fairfax County Public Schools received from the federal government under the following pieces of pandemic-related relief legislation:
 - a. ESSER I (part of the CARES Act signed March 27, 2020)
 - b. ESSER II (part of the CRSA Act signed December 27, 2020)
 - c. ARP ESSER/ESSER III (part of the American Rescue Plan signed March 11, 2021)
2. How much of the money that Fairfax County Public Schools received as part of the three federal distributions mentioned above (CARES/ESSER I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER/ESSER III) has the system spent
3. Itemized lists and/or plans showing how much money from each of the three federal distributions (CARES/ESSER I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER/ESSER III) has been spent and how Fairfax County Public Schools intends to use any remaining unspent money before federal aid programs expire

Information responsive to your request is publicly available online at the links provided below. Please refer to the bottom of the pages, which have the PDF documents related to ESSER information.

- [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BZWMZH5DAB3A/\\$file/April%20CARES%20%20ESSER%20%20CRF.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BZWMZH5DAB3A/$file/April%20CARES%20%20ESSER%20%20CRF.pdf)
- <http://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CBHG8T429E7D>

Please be advised that itemized reports can be generated. However, these reports require extensive validation and crosswalks to align the funds with the programmatic data. The labor time to search for, access, and produce these reports could take up to 20 hours of staff time. Please let me know if you are still interested in a cost estimate for this labor time.

Detailed reports may become publicly available September – October 2022 at the BoardDoc sites linked below. You will need to use the search function in the top right-hand corner to conduct a

keyword search for "ESSER."

- <https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf>



Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Sean McGoey"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6560 Extension Notice
Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 11:04:34 AM
Attachments: [External Richmond Times-Dispatch FOIA Request Federal pandemic relief funding.msg](#)

Sean McGoey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on July 5, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before July 21, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: [Sean McGoey](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Richmond Times-Dispatch FOIA Request: Federal pandemic relief funding
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:24:12 PM

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Ms. Molly Shannon
Fairfax County Public Schools
FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu
July 5, 2022

Dear Ms. Shannon:

Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §2.2-3704 et seq., we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records from March 1, 2020 until this request is fulfilled that pertain to federal pandemic relief money received by Fairfax County Public Schools. Specifically, we are looking for information related to the following:

- How much money has Fairfax County Public Schools received from the federal government under the following pieces of pandemic-related relief legislation:
 - ESSER I (part of the CARES Act signed March 27, 2020)
 - ESSER II (part of the CRSA Act signed December 27, 2020)
 - ARP ESSER/ESSER III (part of the American Rescue Plan signed March 11, 2021)
- How much of the money that Fairfax County Public Schools received as part of the three federal distributions mentioned above (CARES/ESSER I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER/ESSER III) has the system spent
- Itemized lists and/or plans showing how much money from each of the three federal distributions (CARES/ESSER I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER/ESSER III) has been spent and how Fairfax County Public Schools intends to use any remaining unspent money before federal aid programs expire

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees, as I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the Richmond Times-Dispatch and this request is made as part of news gathering rather than for commercial use.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact us with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify us of the appeal procedures available to us

under the law.

Best,

Sean McGoey, Data Reporter (smcgoey@timesdispatch.com)

Jess Nocera, Statewide Education Reporter (jnocera@timesdispatch.com)

Richmond Times-Dispatch

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Anna Bryson"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6597 Response
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:06:09 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6597 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[2022 SalaryList.xlsx](#)
[2020 SalaryList.xlsx](#)

Anna Bryson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 3, 2022. On August 10, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“records that pertain to FCPS salary records. Specifically, I am looking for the salary records of Darren Thornton from July 1, 2020 to present”

Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1) only grants access to records of the name, position, job classification, official salary...of any officer, official, or employee of a public body. Any additional detailed information regarding paid dates, leave without pay, etc. is protected as personally identifiable personnel information. Official annual salary information for 2020 and 2022 are being provided to you via the attached spreadsheets.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Anna Bryson"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6597 Extension Notice
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:16:17 PM
Attachments: [External FOIA request.msg](#)

Anna Bryson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 3, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing, the volume of FOIA requests currently in process, and amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before August 19, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Ben Herold](#)
Cc: [Media Relations](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Requests, FOIA](#); [Miller, Kathleen E](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6600 Response
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 1:49:51 PM

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for submitting your request for information.

In your request you seek:

“Demographic enrollment trends from the 2021-2022 SY. Specifically, percentage changes in total student enrollment as well as white student enrollment.”

School membership data is publicly available online at the links provided below. Previous years can be viewed by selecting the year you want to view in the top left-hand corner.

- https://schoolprofiles.fcps.edu/schlprfl/f?p=108:108:7862490155969:::P108_REPORT_TYPE,P0_EDSL:DIVISION,0
- https://schoolprofiles.fcps.edu/schlprfl/f?p=108:42:2983473614731::NO::P0_CURRENT_SCHOOL_ID,P0_EDSL:116,0

Thank You,

Molly Shannon

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From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Ben Herold <benjaminbherold@gmail.com>
Cc: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Media request, Education Week: Racial differences in enrollment declines

Hi Ben,

Your requests require a public record search so I am sending the inquiries to our FOIA Office (cced on here) for a response.

thanks,
Kathleen

From: Ben Herold <benjaminbherold@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:23 AM

To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Cc: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Media request, Education Week: Racial differences in enrollment declines

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Thanks Kathy!

If it's going to be next week, can I trouble you to provide written on-the-record responses to the following questions, attributable to a named district official?

FAIRFAX CO, VA PBLC SCHS	Total Students		White students		Schools
2019-20	184045		69920		189
2020-21	174642	-9403	64648	-5272	189
Percent drop		-5%		-8%	

1. Are these enrollment figures from NCES accurate?
2. To what do you attribute the overall declines? E.g., some research has suggested that district policies around remote schooling, masks, and vaccines is closely correlated to enrollment declines (with longer time in remote learning, more rigid mask mandates leading to bigger enrollment declines.) Is that the case in Fairfax County?
3. To what do you attribute the disproportionately large drop in white students?
4. How did these enrollment declines (overall, and esp. among white students) affect Fairfax County schools? I.e., how much was lost in per-pupil revenue, what other policy and programmatic decisions followed?
5. What was your district's response to the declines? (E.g., program cuts, staff cuts, reallocation of resources, etc.)
6. Suburban school systems in general have a history of fighting hard to retain white middle class families, on the theory that the resources, support, and social capital those families bring with them are especially important to the long term health of a district. Did Fairfax schools approach these declines with this in mind? If not, what was the theory behind the district's response to enrollment drops?
7. Did these enrollment trends continue through 2021-22?

Thanks so much,

Benjamin Herold

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benjaminbherold@gmail.com

On Thu, Aug 4, 2022 at 6:19 PM Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu> wrote:

Hi Ben,

Thanks for your inquiry. We won't be able to turn around an interview on this tomorrow but will circle

back to you on this next week, we have a few folks out Friday.

Thanks for reaching out,
Kathleen

From: Ben Herold <benjaminbherold@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 4:54:57 PM

To: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Media request, Education Week: Racial differences in enrollment declines

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Hello,

I'm a reporter with Education Week. Nice to meet you.

Reaching out because I'm working on a story about racial differences in enrollment declines during the first year of the pandemic. I'd love to get a district-level perspective on what Fairfax County schools have experienced.

Our Research Center conducted an analysis that found the following in your district, a disparity that was broadly similar to what we saw in other suburban systems around the country:

FAIRFAX CO, VA PBLC SCHS	Total Students		White students		Schools
2019-20	184045		69920		189
2020-21	174642	-9403	64648	-5272	189
Percent drop		-5%		-8%	

I'd love to get a better handle on questions such as what you attribute these differences to, how they've affected the district, whether they carried over into 2021-22, and what is being done in response.

If it would be at possible to talk with someone tomorrow (Friday 8/5) I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks so much,

Benjamin Herold
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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Yarborough, Rick \(NBCUniversal\)"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6603 Cost Estimate
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:50:29 PM
Attachments: [External WRC-TV VFOIA Request .msg](#)

Rick Yarborough,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 8, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

"The following records:

1. **Total number of school nurses**
2. **Total number of open school nurse positions**
3. **Total number of school psychologists**
4. **Total number of open school psychologist positions"**

Please be advised that school nurses are county employees and therefore data regarding their employment isn't held by FCPS. Your request for school nurse data should be directed to Fairfax County Government . Contact information for the County is provided below.

Fairfax County Government

Countywide FOIA Office

Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs
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FOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/foia>

Regarding your request for psychologist data, Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." FCPS estimates that it will require 1 hour of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$35.00 (1 hour at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

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From: [Yarborough, Rick \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Yarborough, Rick \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Subject: [External] WRC-TV VFOIA Request
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:50:42 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

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Good morning Molly –

Pursuant to the state open records law, Va. Code Ann. secs. 2.2-3700 to 2.2-3714, I write to request the following records:

- **Total number of school nurses**
- **Total number of open school nurse positions**
- **Total number of school psychologists**
- **Total number of open school psychologist positions**

If possible, I request this information be submitted in its entirety in electronic database format.

I request a waiver of all fees, as I am a journalist employed by NEWS 4 WRC-TV submitting this request as part of the newsgathering process for the public good, and not for commercial use. If you decline to waive all fees, please inform me of the estimated cost of processing this request **before** I am billed.

Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Have a good weekend,
Rick

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From: [Kristin Johnson](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6609 Clarification Needed
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:05:44 PM

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Molly,

I found the information I needed on VDOE.

Thank you,

Kristin Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2022, at 12:02 PM, Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Kristin,

I am in the process of coordinating your request with our HR.

Clarification is needed before we can proceed with the data pull. Please clarify do you seek the number of teachers employed throughout the fiscal year OR do you seek snapshot of the teachers employed at the start of the year (October 2021)?

Please also clarify whether you would like to include guidance counsellors and librarians on the data pull.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Kristin Johnson <kristinjohnson636@gmail.com>
Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>;
Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Story on FCPS teachers

Hi Kristin,

I believe you have access already to Dr. Reid's July 28 community message that references staffing:

<https://www.fcps.edu/blog/message-superintendent-regarding-fall-planning>

I can tell you that FCPS classrooms are now 98% staffed.

Since at least one of your questions is new today and involves data that requires a public record search, I am sending the inquiries to our FOIA Office (cced on here) for a response.

***Can you give me a number of teachers employed by FCPS during the last school year?

I'm sorry, we don't have anyone available to do an interview today but if this is helpful, here is a link to Dr. Sherry Wilson, our assistant superintendent for human resources, addressing your question about whether FCPS would use licensed central office staff in classrooms as a contingency plan.

<https://wjla.com/news/local/national-teacher-shortage-fairfax-county-schools-virginia-education-youngkin-district-dmv-vaccine-fcps-nova-dc-crisis-classroom>

From: Kristin Johnson <kristinjohnson636@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Story on FCPS teachers

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Hi Kathleen,

I know everyone at FCPS is busy, but my deadline is rapidly approaching. I really need some information today.

Can you confirm that the number of unfilled classroom positions is now closer to 2

percent?

Can you give me a number of teachers employed by FCPS during the last school year?

Do you have any information on how FCPS will fill any remaining gaps as the school year begins?

Do you have anyone who can talk to me for two minutes on the problems faced with filling positions after the great resignation?

Thank you,

Kristin

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Margaret Barthel](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6612 Response
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:39:40 PM
Attachments: [RE External Interview request from WAMU - African-American history elective.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6612 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[VFOIA African American History Elective.docx](#)

Margaret Barthel,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 10, 2022. On August 16, 2022 FCPS invoke a seven working day extension. Please see the first two attachments for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. How many Fairfax high schools offer the African American history elective class?
2. How many students took the class last year?"

Records responsive to your request are attached to this email.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." Costs associated with your request have been waived as a courtesy.

Regards,

[FOIA Office](#)

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From: [Miller, Kathleen E](#)
To: [Margaret Barthel](#)
Cc: [Sellers, Jennifer M](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Interview request from WAMU - African-American history elective
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:41:07 AM

Thank you Margaret, we will look into this. I am ccing our FOIA team as I think some of your questions may require a records search for information I don't have access to myself.

These are the questions I think may need some help from FOIA:

Additionally, I'm hoping you might be able to provide a few answers to these questions:

- How many Fairfax high schools offer the African-American history elective class? Is it in all high schools at this point?
- How many students took the class last year?

From: Margaret Barthel <mbarthel@wamu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Interview request from WAMU - African-American history elective

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Hi Kathleen,

I'm working on a story about the impact the first year of Fairfax's African-American history elective class had on students, and wanted to be in touch with some questions and an interview request. Would you be able to make someone in Fairfax leadership who had a hand in overseeing the creation of the class available for an interview? I'm not sure if this would be someone in curriculum development, or who is part of your DEI work or both.

Additionally, I'm hoping you might be able to provide a few answers to these questions:

- How many Fairfax high schools offer the African-American history elective class? Is it in all high schools at this point?
- How many students took the class last year?

Thanks for any help you can provide here!

Best,

Margaret

Margaret Barthel

Northern Virginia Reporter

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Margaret Barthel](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6612 Extension Notice
Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:53:54 PM
Attachments: [RE External Interview request from WAMU - African-American history elective.msg](#)

Margaret Barthel,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 10, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before August 26, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

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VFOIA-6612 African American History Elective

In SY2021-2022, 19 high schools in FCPS offered the African American History Elective. There were 157 students enrolled in the class.

CEDAR LANE
CHANTILLY HIGH
EDISON HIGH
FAIRFAX HIGH
HAYFIELD HIGH
HERNDON HIGH
JUSTICE HIGH
LANGLEY HIGH
LEWIS HIGH
MADISON HIGH
MARSHALL HIGH
MCLEAN HIGH
MOUNT VERNON HIGH
OAKTON HIGH
ROBINSON HIGH
SOUTH LAKES HIGH
WEST POTOMAC HIGH
WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH
WESTFIELD HIGH

In SY2022-2023, FCPS offers the African American History Elective at all the High Schools.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [FFXnow Editor](#)
Cc: [Moult, Julie](#); [Sellers, Jennifer M](#); [Miller, Kathleen E](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6614 Outdoor Classrooms
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 4:28:27 PM

Angela,

Thank you for your request for public information.

Please be advised that VFOIA “applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions.” VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). To the extent that your request seeks information contained in public record, FCPS conducted a search for the same. Where public records do not exist, we are provided responses as a courtesy.

In your request you seek:

1. How much does FCPS plan to put toward the outdoor classrooms, and how many schools will that cover?
2. How many schools currently don't have an established outdoor classroom?

Regarding item 1, placeholder funding for outdoor classrooms have been included in the proposed FY22 Year End Construction Fund budget which was presented to the School Board on July 14, 2022 (agenda item and more information may be found here on page 8:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CFLFLH3F0553>. The School Board will vote on Year End on September 1, 2022. Please be advised that we do not have information on how many schools this will cover. That information may be available after the September 1, 2022 meeting.

Regarding item 2, in recent years, every school was offered the option of having a tent structure for outdoor learning purposes. Approximately 214 tent structures were provided with to schools. Approximately 124 schools also use existing courtyards for outdoor learning. FCPS does not have a report or record that reflects the number of schools that have a tent structure AND courtyard space allocated for outdoor learning purposes.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:21 AM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: VFOIA-6614 Outdoor Classrooms

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Ah okay, thank you!

Angela

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 9:05 AM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Hi Angela,

Day 1 of the "VFOIA" clock is the business day after public bodies receive the FOIA request. The due date for response is August 19, 2022.

Nonetheless, your timing is spot on as I am finalizing your response now as I am working through the FOIA queue. I am waiting on one final detail from our facilities department.

I look forward to providing you a response in the next few hours once I receive the final detail needed to respond.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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From: FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 8:59 AM

To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Re: security vestibules, outdoor spaces

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Hi,

Following up on this FOIA request since it has now been five working days since Kathleen forwarded it. I'm just looking for the number of schools that will get outdoor classrooms and security vestibules if the year-end budget is approved as is.

Thanks,

Angela

On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:33 AM FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com> wrote:

Ah okay, thank you!

Angela

On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:29 AM Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu> wrote:

Hi Angela,

Since at least some of your follow-up questions involve data that requires a public record search, I am sending the inquiries to our FOIA Office (cced on here) for a response.

*****How much does FCPS plan to put toward the outdoor classrooms, and how many schools will that cover? How many schools currently don't have an established outdoor classroom?

On Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 4:56 PM FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com> wrote:

Ah okay, I guess I missed that since they're not listed as specific line items. Will that funding cover the full \$15 million that was estimated to be needed for the security vestibules? How much does FCPS plan to put toward the outdoor classrooms, and how many schools will that cover? How many schools currently don't have an established outdoor classroom?

Thank you!

Angela

On Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 4:46 PM Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu> wrote:

Hi Angela,

Here's what we got on your inquiries.

Security Vestibules

1) Any updates on the security vestibules proposal? The security vestibules have been included in the proposed FY22 Year End budget which was presented to the School Board on July 14, 2022 (agenda item and more information may be found here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CFLFLH3F0553>). The School Board will vote on Year End on September 1, 2022.

2) Will that be addressed with the next FCPS budget? See previous response.

3) Given that the previous school board recommended looking into bringing them to all schools in 2019, do you know why it fell by the wayside before? The security vestibule construction was included in scheduled renovation projects funded by the School Bond Referendum. Schools not currently scheduled for renovation needed to be planned for construction as stand-alone projects.

4) Will a vestibule be included in the Louise Archer ES renovation? Yes.

Outdoor learning spaces

1) What will those spaces look like? The outdoor learning spaces will be located either in an existing courtyard, or in the near vicinity of the school building near core teaching areas. Each space will include paved walkways, raised garden beds, seating, utilities (electric outlet and hose bib), and native grasses.

2) What's the timeline for when those will start being constructed? If the Year End is approved, including this program, the sites would be slated to start construction in Summer 2023, with phased implementation.

Best,

Kathleen Miller
Media Outreach Specialist
Fairfax County Public Schools
Desk phone: 571-423-1664

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: sgelman@wtop.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6618 Response
Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:50:17 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)
[RE VFOIA-6618 Clarification Needed .msg](#)
[History of Library Book Challenges.doc](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 15, 2022. On August 18, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request. Please see the first two attachments for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Titles and authors of books that have been subject of review in the last two school years, and whether they remain on school library shelves.”

No books have been removed from Fairfax County Public Schools libraries due to a challenged materials process in the past two years. I’ve attached the historical document that records the outcomes of library material challenges.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 4:33:48 PM

Submitted on Mon, 08/15/2022 - 16:33

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase , Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

Copies of parent or other groups' correspondence with the county in the last two years to have library books removed from the public school system's libraries. This request includes the titles of such books referenced, and any documentation with findings from the county's committee indicating that a book has either been removed from circulation or will remain in the library.

From: [Gelman, Scott](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6618 Clarification Needed
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:55:51 PM

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Thanks!

I think all I am looking for are titles and authors of books that have been subject of review in the last two school years, and whether they remain on school library shelves.

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Gelman, Scott <sgelman@wtopnews.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6618 Clarification Needed

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Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 16, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Copies of parent or other groups' correspondence with the county in the last two years to have library books removed from the public-school system's libraries. This request includes the titles of such books referenced, and any documentation with findings from the county's committee indicating that a book has either been removed from circulation or will remain in the library.”

VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). If you seek an email search, then please identify the FCPS employee or member names you would like to include in this search, a date range (MM/DD/YYYY-MM/DD/YYYY), and a list of keywords and search phrases you would like to include in this search.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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HISTORY OF CHALLENGED LIBRARY MATERIALS

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

December 15, 1983—*Gentlehands* by M.E. Kerr

Reason for challenge: To remove *Gentlehands* from FCPS

Outcome of challenge: Denied the appeal to remove the book from FCPS; **motion passed unanimously.**

Name of individuals who initiated challenge: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips

August 11, 1999—*On The Devil's Court* by Carl Deuker

Reason for challenge: Inclusion of the book in the Virginia Run Elementary School library in the Young Adult section

Outcome of challenge: Upheld the area-level decision to retain the book in the Young Adult section of the Virginia Run ES library; **motion passed 5-3** (four Board members were absent).

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Ms. Vicki McGrath

March 16, 2000—*Daughters of Eve* by Lois Duncan

Reason for challenge: Remove the book *Daughters of Eve* from FCPS libraries

Outcome of challenge: Modified the area-level decision by retaining the book *Daughters of Eve* only in high school libraries for students 9th grade and higher; **motion passed 7-5.**

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Ms. Kathy Stohr

February 13, 2001—*Druids* by Morgan Llywelyn

Reason for challenge: Remove the book *Druids* from FCPS middle and high school libraries

Outcome of challenge: Supported the Superintendent's recommendation to restrict *Druids* to high school libraries only; **motion passed 9-2** (one Board member was absent).

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Mrs. Kathy Stohr

June 25, 2001—*The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett

Reason for challenge: Remove the book *The Pillars of the Earth* from all FCPS libraries

Outcome of challenge: Voted to restrict availability of *The Pillars of the Earth* to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students only; **motion passed 7-4** (one Board member was absent).

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Mrs. Kathy Stohr

April 22, 2002—*Gates of Fire* by Steven Pressfield

Reason for challenge: Remove the book *Gates of Fire* from all FCPS libraries and curriculum countywide

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied; motion was to make *Gates of Fire* available only to high school students; **motion failed 2-9** (one Board member was absent).

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Mr. Stan Barton

March 10, 2003 – *Witch Baby* by Francesca Lia Block

Reason for challenge: Remove the book *Witch Baby* from all FCPS elementary and middle school libraries and prohibit future use of the book in those schools

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied; **motion failed 1-7-3** (one Board member was absent).

Name of individuals who initiated the challenge: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ess

April 7, 2003—*Growing Up Chicana/o*, edited by Tiffany Ana Lopez, and *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, by Julia Alvarez

Reason for challenge: Remove both books—*Growing Up Chicana/o* and *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*—from all elementary and middle school libraries and prohibit the future use of the books in these schools

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied. No motion was made to take any action for *Growing Up Chicana/o*. There was a motion to restrict *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* to high school libraries only, but the motion was defeated **7-4** (one Board member was absent).

Name of individuals who initiated the challenge: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ess

April 29, 2003—*Thousand Pieces of Gold*, by Ruthanne Lum McCunn, and *When I Was Puerto Rican*, by Esmeralda Santiago

Reason for challenge: Remove both books—*Thousand Pieces of Gold* and *When I Was Puerto Rican*—from all elementary and middle school libraries and prohibit the future use of the books in these schools

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied. There was a motion to restrict *Thousand Pieces of Gold* to high school libraries only; **motion failed 0-9** (three Board members were absent).

There was no motion made regarding the challenge of *When I Was Puerto Rican*.

Name of individuals who initiated the challenge: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ess

Clerk's note: Regulation 3009, Challenged Library and Instructional Materials, was revised on March 17, 2003, to require Board member review and decision on granting an appeal request; if granted, then review by the Board would be on the written record.

May 24, 2006—*Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck

Reason for challenge: Remove book from Fairfax High School library and prohibit future use of the book.

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied; regulation required at least four Board members read the material and decide whether or not to grant appeal request; insufficient number of Board members willing to grant request for appeal of challenge. (Six Board members read the material; five were not willing to grant request for review.)

Name of individuals who initiated the challenge: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen

January 15, 2010—*ttyl*, by Lauren Myracle

Reason for challenge: Remove book from all Fairfax County public schools, and specifically middle and elementary school libraries

Outcome of challenge: Challenge was denied; insufficient number of Board members willing to grant request for appeal of challenge. (Four Board members read the book; none were willing to grant the request for review.)

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Ms. Carole Darby

October 21, 2021 – *Gender Queer: A Memoir*, by Maia Kobabe

Reason for challenge: Remove book from all Fairfax County Public Schools

Outcome of the challenge: Challenge was denied; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Superintendent appeal resulted in books remaining in schools that serve high school students. Appeal to the School Board was denied; insufficient number of Board members willing to grant request for appeal of the challenge.

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Stacy Langton

History of Challenged Materials
Fairfax County School Board

October 21, 2021 – *Lawn Boy: A Novel*, by Jonathan Evison

Reason for challenge: Remove book from all Fairfax County Public Schools

Outcome of the challenge: Challenge was denied; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Superintendent appeal resulted in books remaining in schools that serve high school students. Appeal to the School Board was denied; insufficient number of Board members willing to grant request for appeal of the challenge.

Name of individual who initiated the challenge: Ms. Stacy Langton

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Alexander Fernandez](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6627 Response
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:34:13 PM
Attachments: [External Alexander Fernandez reporter FOIA request.msg](#)

Alexander Fernandez,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 19, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. "Hiring and firing records of Fairfax County School counselors, teachers, and principals.
2. The vetting process for hiring and qualifications considered when considering a teacher, counselor, principal hire.
3. Reason for termination (if occurred)
4. Any reports relating to operationalizing new hiring processes.
5. Requesting criminal and hiring records from January 1, 2022, to August 19, 2022."

Information responsive to your request is publicly available online at the links provided below. Please be advised that no additional records exist.

- [§ 22.1-296.2. Fingerprinting required; reciprocity permitted.](#)
- [§ 22.1-296.4. Child abuse and neglect data required.](#)

Regarding the remaining items in your request, it is unclear what specific records you are requesting. FCPS has over 20,000 employees and over 220 schools and departments. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). If you wish to revise the scope of your request, then please provide additional information on what specific records you seek. For example, do you seek records of an individual employee?

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Alexander Fernandez](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] Alexander Fernandez, reporter, FOIA request
Date: Friday, August 19, 2022 3:07:33 PM

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Dear Ms. Shannon,

I am a reporter with Life News Today and would like to request information under the Freedom of information act section 2.2 -3700 et seq, Alexander Fernandez and Life News Today seek access to the following information:

Hiring and firing records of Fairfax County School counselors, teachers, and principals.

The vetting process for hiring and qualifications considered when considering a teacher, counselor, principal hire.

Reason for termination (if occurred)

Any reports relating to operationalizing new hiring processes.

The information should include, but not be limited to, previous employment of Fairfax County Public School teacher(s), Counselor(s), and Principal(s) prior employment, qualifications, criminal records, date of employment, current employment status within FCPS, and standard salary reports.

I am interested in saving time, and resources. I/we ask for electronic versions of records if the requested records are already kept in such form.

Requesting criminal and hiring records from January 1, 2022, to August 19, 2022.

If another organization requested this information prior, I wish for the information to be included.

I would like to request a fee waiver based on media as it is in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Alexander Fernandez
LNT Reporter
alexfernandez.lnt@gmail.com
703-554-4330

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: aimee.cho@nbcuni.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6628/29 Response
Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 3:40:14 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6628 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6629 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6628 Production.pdf](#)

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. On August 26, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request and on September 2, 2022 you confirmed that you would like to proceed with your request. On September 6, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your requests you seek:

VFOIA-6628: "All of Tom Vaccarello's emails containing keywords "Darren Thornton" and/or "Chesterfield police between January 2020-August 26, 2022"

VFOIA-6629: "a copy of all email correspondence **from Chesterfield County Police **to** any FCPS employee email from October 1, 2020-August 19, 2022 from the following offices: Human Resources, Superintendent's office, Safety and security."**

Records responsive to your requests are being provided to you via the attached PDF. Please be advised that information related to an ongoing criminal investigation and criminal investigative records was redacted pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3706.1(c)(d). Personnel information concerning identifiable individuals was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1). Attorney client privileged communications were redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(2).

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records. The costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$157.50 (4.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour). Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below within thirty (30) days. Va. Code 2.2-3704(I). A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHIOOA25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the "Fairfax County Public Schools" to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
8115 Gatehouse Road

Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: aimee.cho@nbcuni.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6628 Extension Notice
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:27:31 PM
Attachments: [first Aimeelast Cho.msg](#)
[Re VFOIA-6628 Clarification Needed .msg](#)
[RE VFOIA-6628 Cost Estimate.msg](#)

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. On August 26, 2022 you clarified the scope of your request and on September 2, 2022 you confirmed that you would like to proceed with your request. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before September 16, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Cho, Aimee \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6628 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 4:50:18 PM

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Hi Molly- the date range is Jan 1, 2020 - August 26, 2022. Thank you!

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:34:28 PM
To: Cho, Aimee (NBCUniversal) <Aimee.Cho@nbcuni.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] VFOIA-6628 Clarification Needed

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

"Tom Vaccarello's emails containing keywords "Darren Thornton" and/or "Chesterfield police""

Please be advised that additional information is required to allow the FOIA Office to conduct a central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). Please provide a date range you would like to use for this search.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
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Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Cho, Aimee \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6628 Cost Estimate
Date: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:29:11 AM

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And yes would like to proceed with this one as well. Thanks again!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Cho, Aimee (NBCUniversal) <Aimee.Cho@nbcuni.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] VFOIA-6628 Cost Estimate
Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. On August 26, 2022 you clarified your request. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“All of Tom Vaccarello's emails containing keywords "Darren Thornton" and/or "Chesterfield police between January 2020-August 26, 2022"

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 4.5 hour of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$157.50 (4.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Please also be aware that the records are likely subject to exemptions either in part or entirely. Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: aimee.cho@nbcuni.com
Subject: first: Aimeelast: Cho
Date: Friday, August 19, 2022 4:58:55 PM

Submitted on Fri, 08/19/2022 - 16:58

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Aimee Cho

4001 Nebraska Ave NW Washington, District of Columbia. 20016

aimee.cho@nbcuni.com

202-697-0853

Yes

I request a copy of all of Tom Vaccarello's emails containing keywords "Darren Thornton" and/or "Chesterfield police" be provided to me. Thank you!

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [FFXnow Editor](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6630 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:38:37 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6630 \(Media Relations Emails - Narrowed\).msg](#)
[VFOIA-6630 Narrowed Production.pdf](#)

Angela Woolsey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 2, 2022. Please see attached for reference. On September 14, 2022 FCPS provided you with a cost estimate. On September 19, 2022 you confirmed you wanted to proceed with your request and FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“I'd like to further narrow the scope of my request to emails regarding now-former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton's conviction for solicitation of a minor sent to or from the mediarelations@fcps.com email from on and before July 28.”

One responsive email was located. That email is being provided to you via the attached PDF. The initial cost estimate is being waived as a courtesy due to minimal review time.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [FFXnow Editor](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6630 (Media Relations Emails - Narrowed)
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:19:31 AM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6630 Extension Notice.msg](#)

Angela Woolsey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 2, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“I'd like to further narrow the scope of my request to emails regarding now-former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton's conviction for solicitation of a minor sent to or from the mediarelations@fcps.com email from on and before July 28.”

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 1 hour of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$35.00 (1 hour at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

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From: Moulit, Julie
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 12:08 PM EDT
To: Anna Bryson <abryson@timesdispatch.com>
CC: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Employee question

Anna

We can confirm he is employed by FCPS and is currently on administrative leave.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2022, at 10:04 AM, Anna Bryson <abryson@timesdispatch.com> wrote:

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?Good morning,

Is Darren L. Thornton still employed by FCPS? If not, when did he separate?

Thank you,

Anna

Anna Bryson

Reporter

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Gelman, Scott"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6634 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:25:01 AM

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for the clarification.

The FCPS FOIA Office conducted a search for responsive records. Please be advised that no responsive records were located. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” All costs associated with this search have been waived as a courtesy.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: Gelman, Scott <sgelman@wtopnews.com>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6634 Clarification Needed

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Let me know if this will work.

All email correspondence between former Superintendent Scott Brabrand and the Chesterfield Police Department regarding the arrest of Darren Thornton; and all email correspondence between Brabrand and any Fairfax County School Board member (Karen Keys-Gamarra; Abrar Omeish; Rachna Sizemore Heizer; Megan McLaughlin; Elaine Tholen; Melanie K. Meren; Tamara Derenak Kaufax; Ricardy Anderson; Karen Corbett Sanders; Karl Frisch; Laura Jane Cohen; Stella Pekarsky) regarding the arrest of Darren Thornton; sent between Nov. 1, 2020 and July 1, 2022.

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:51 AM

To: Gelman, Scott <sgelman@wtopnews.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6634 Clarification Needed

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Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“all email correspondence between the Chesterfield County Police Department and any Fairfax County Public Schools employee regarding the arrest of Darren Thornton received between Nov. 1, 2020 and Aug. 20, 2022.”

Please be advised that additional information is required to allow the FOIA Office to conduct a central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). Please clarify the FCPS employees and/or departments you would like to use in this search.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ailan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6635 Response
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:36:33 PM
Attachments: [first Ailanlast Evans.msg](#)

Ailan Evans,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. all documents, communications and other relevant records from former Superintendent Scott Brabrand and any members of the Fairfax County School Board, from November 19, 2020 to April 30, 2021, concerning former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton. In addition, please provide all documents, communications,
2. and other relevant records from former Superintendent Scott Brabrand and members of the Fairfax County School Board, from June 9, 2022 to July 1, 2022, concerning former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton.

The FCPS FOIA Office conducted a search for email correspondence as outlined below. Please be advised that no responsive records were located. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” All costs associated with this search have been waived as a courtesy.

Emails From:

- Superintendent Brabrand
- School Board Members

Date Ranges:

- 11/19/2020-04/30/2021
- 06/09/2022-07/01/2022

Keywords used in multiple combinations:

- “Glasgow” AND/OR “Counselor” AND/OR “Thornton” AND/OR “Darren”

Thank you,

FOIA Office

Office of Communications & Community Relations

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: ailan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org
Subject: first: Ailanlast: Evans
Date: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:19:55 AM

Submitted on Sat, 08/20/2022 - 11:19

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Ailan Evans

1737 H Street NW Washington, District of Columbia. 20006

ailan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org

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No

Hi all, Please provide all documents, communications and other relevant records from former Superintendent Scott Brabrand and any members of the Fairfax County School Board, from November 19, 2020 to April 30, 2021, concerning former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton. In addition, please provide all documents, communications, and other relevant records from former Superintendent Scott Brabrand and members of the Fairfax County School Board, from June 9, 2022 to July 1, 2022, concerning former Glasgow Middle School counselor Darren Thornton.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Heather Graf](#)
Cc: [Sellers, Jennifer M](#); [Miller, Kathleen E](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6638 Response
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:37:10 PM

Heather,

Thank you for your inquiry.

We can confirm the hiring date of August 6, 2020 and the date when unpaid leave started was June 17, 2022.

If you seek public records, then please clarify what records you seek.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather Graf <hgraf@sbgvtv.com>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 11:46 AM

To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: [External] ABC7 - Thornton follow-up

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Hi Katheen -

Thanks for the response.

However, I don't think this falls under FOIA, in particular the question about when he was placed on leave and whether it was paid or unpaid. That's something I believe y'all should be able to provide without a FOIA request.

It's a pretty standard question related to employment status.

In the interest of transparency, I was just hoping to get these timeline details confirmed today.

As I mentioned, most of this came up during our interview with the superintendent on Friday, but I understand she may not have memorized all of the specific dates. That's why I sent the follow-up email today.

Please let me know if there's something else I can do outside of a FOIA request, which can take several days, to make this happen.

Thanks so much.

Heather

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 11:39 AM

To: Heather Graf <hgraf@sbgty.com>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [EXT] RE: [External] ABC7 - Thornton follow-up

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Hi Heather,

Apologies but since this request involves public records, I'm sending it to our FOIA team (also think

this may be fastest way to get you a response).

best,

Kathleen

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather Graf <hgraf@sbgvtv.com>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 9:30 AM

To: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] ABC7 - Thornton follow-up

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Good Morning,

I know y'all's day started really early with first day of school coverage - hope things went well.

Just wanted to send an email to see if I can get clarification on a couple things related to timeline of Darren Thornton's hiring and firing:

- 1) Hire date. The superintendent said Friday that he was hired in the "fall of 2020", can we get an exact date on that?
- 2) After his most recent arrest in early June, when was Thornton placed on leave? Was it paid or unpaid leave?
- 3) Did he then remain on leave until he was ultimately fired?

I am still asking Chesterfield County Police for copies of any emails they said were sent to FCPS.

Will update you if/when I get them — and please let me know if there are any updates on that from your end.

Thanks so much.

Best,

Heather Graf

ABC7/Reporter

571-867-7114

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Torres, Matthew](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6639 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 12:38:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Matthew Torres,

Thank you for the clarification.

The FCPS FOIA Office conducted a search for responsive records. Please be advised that no responsive records were located.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records
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From: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] RE: VFOIA-6639 Clarification Needed

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Molly,

Here are my responses to both of your inquiries.

1. Please clarify what departments or FCPS employees and a date range you would like to use in item 1:
 - a. Superintendent's Office
 - b. Deputy Superintendent's Office
 - c. Office of Chief Operating Officer

d. Department of Information Technology

***Date range: November 01, 2020 – January 31, 2021

2. Please also clarify what department or individuals you would like to include in the search for item 3:

- a. Superintendent's Office
- b. Deputy Superintendent's Office
- c. Office of Chief Operating Officer
- d. Department of Information Technology

Thank you very much.

Matthew Torres | Reporter

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:38 PM

To: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: VFOIA-6639 Clarification Needed

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Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. copies of public records that show email communication between FCPS and the Chesterfield County Police Department.
2. I'd like to obtain all emails, including any in the trash folder, sent from the Chesterfield County Police to any school official including Dr. Scott Brabrand pertaining to Darren Thornton from

November 19, 2020 to January 19, 2021.

3. I'd also like to receive any and all email exchanges and/or responses from FCPS within that same time period regarding Mr. Thornton.

Additional information is required to allow FCPS to conduct a central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). If you wish to revise the scope of your request, then please clarify what departments or FCPS employees and a date range you would like to use in item 1. Please also clarify what department or individuals you would like to include in the search for item 3.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Henry, John](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6640 Response
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:37:50 PM

Good afternoon John,

Personally identifiable personnel information is exempt from release pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1). Individual personnel files are not releasable.

We can confirm the hiring date of August 6, 2020 and the date when unpaid leave started was June 17, 2022.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Henry, John <jhenry2@wusa9.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] WUSA9 FOIA Request

Hi John,

I think it is unlikely that this kind of info would be available however, I am copying our FOIA office for guidance.

Julie

From: Henry, John <jhenry2@wusa9.com>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 12:51 AM
To: Lloyd, Helen A <halloyd@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] WUSA9 FOIA Request

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Hello Helen and Julie,

Once again, thank you for your assistance Friday regarding the interview of Dr. Reid.

We were curious if, under FOIA, we could obtain Darren L. Thornton's personnel file from the time he was employed at FCPS.

Thanks again,

John Henry
202-839-2052
Reporter
WUSA9
@johnhenrywusa

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Torres, Matthew"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6641 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 12:41:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Matthew Torres,

Thank you for clarifying the scope of your request on August 31, 2022.

That search yielded 279 documents which total 7,275 pages of records. Please note that once the records are collected, each record must be reviewed to determine whether it is subject to exemptions.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.”

If you are interested in proceeding with this search, then please let us know. However, please be advised that FCPS estimates the costs for collection, review, and production of these records would likely be thousands of dollars. If you wish to move forward with this request the County will require payment prior to processing your VFOIA request because the estimated costs will exceed \$200. Va. Code 2.2-3704(H). Please let us know if you would like to proceed with this request so we can provide you with a more exact cost estimate.

In an effort to assist you with reducing costs related to this request, you may wish to revise the scope of your request by limiting it to internal communications or narrowing the “to” or “from”. Additionally, you may wish to include keywords to use in combination with “Darren Thornton.”

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

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From: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:59 PM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] RE: VFOIA-6641 Response

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Molly,

Thank you for responding back and forgive me for just now being able to respond.

Here's my response to your request to "Please clarify the FCPS employees and/or departments you would like to use in this search."

The employees and departments I'd like in my search are:

1. Superintendent Dr. Michele Reid/Superintendent's Office
2. Office of Communication and Community Relations
3. Sherry Wilson/Department of Human Resources
4. Department of Information Technology
5. Hearings Office
6. COO Marty Smith
7. Deputy Superintendent's Office

Please let me know if there are any other questions. Thank you.

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 3:38 PM

To: Torres, Matthew <MTorres1@wusa9.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: VFOIA-6641 Response

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Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“any and all emails including exchanges within Fairfax County Public Schools that start with and/or mention Darren Thornton from June 9, 2022 to August 22, 2022. Please including searches in the trash bin for the emails as well”

Please be advised that additional information is required to allow the FOIA Office to conduct a central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). Please clarify the FCPS employees and/or departments you would like to use in this search.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: jpoff@washingtonexaminer.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6642 Response
Date: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:03:12 PM
Attachments: [first Jeremiahlast Poff.msg](#)
[Staff Presentation Final.pdf](#)
[Guidance Document-Supporting Gender-Expansive and Transgender Students.pdf](#)
[Student Support Team Presentation.pdf](#)

Jeremiah Poff,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 22, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Supporting Gender Expansive and Transgender Youth” teacher training programs
From January 2021-present”

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached PDFs.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: jpoff@washingtonexaminer.com
Subject: first: Jeremiahlast: Poff
Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 3:56:30 PM

Submitted on Mon, 08/22/2022 - 15:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Jeremiah Poff

1152 15th St. NW Washington DC, District of Columbia. 20005

jpoff@washingtonexaminer.com

540-422-9155

Yes

"Supporting Gender Expansive and Transgender Youth" teacher training programs From
January 2021-present

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["news@ffxnow.com"](mailto:news@ffxnow.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6650 Response
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 2:01:18 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6650 Extension Notice.msg](#)
[Indoor Air Quality \(seh-2\).pdf](#)
[Indoor Air Quality in Modular Buildings and Trailers \(seh-2b\).pdf](#)
[Mold and Mildew Prevention \(seh-1\).pdf](#)
[School Safety Manual \(R8615\).pdf](#)
[Summer Indoor Air Quality Procedures for Modular and Trailer Classrooms \(seh-2c\).pdf](#)

Angela Woolsey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 29, 2022. On September 8, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. policies, regulations and/or guidance would work. I basically would like to know what the procedures are for:
 - Preventing mold (including regulations and/or guidance)
 - Responding to complaints about mold.
2. How many workers' compensation filings have there been against FCPS related to health issues caused by mold between January 2012 through August 2022

Records responsive to item 1 are being provided to you via the attached PDFs and via the publicly available link below. All costs associated with providing you with the attached records have been waived as a courtesy.

- [Regulation 8615.6P – School Safety Manual](#)

Regarding item 2, there are not any records responsive to your request, and if a public record does not already exist, VFOIA does not require an agency to create one. Va. Code 2.2-3704(D).

Regards,

[FOIA Office](#)

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: "FFXnow Editor"
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6650 Extension Notice
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:28:22 PM
Attachments: [External FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues.msg](#)
[Re VFOIA-6650 FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues.msg](#)

Angela Woolsey,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 29, 2022. On August 30, 2022 you clarified your request. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before September 19, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

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From: [FFXnow Editor](#)
To: [Media Relations](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues
Date: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:00:30 AM

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Hi,

I recently spoke to multiple current and former Fairfax County Public Schools teachers who shared concerns about toxic mold in the schools affecting both staff and students. The specific schools referenced were an issue in spring 2021 at Belvedere Elementary School and at Brookfield Elementary School, I was told that multiple teachers became sick while working in trailers around 2016-2018. However, it sounds there have been widespread issues, particularly at Title I schools, and the people I spoke to suggest efforts to remediate the mold have been slow or insufficient.

Has FCPS heard about toxic or black mold being an issue in schools? If so, which schools have been the most problematic, and what has been done in response to complaints from staff and/or families? What is FCPS' process for dealing with mold? How many workers' compensation filings have there been against FCPS related to health issues caused by mold?

I don't have a specific deadline on this right now but would appreciate hearing back as soon as you're able to respond.

Thank you in advance,

Angela Woolsey

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Editor, *FFXnow* & *Tysons Reporter*
Email: news@ffxnow.com

From: [FFXnow Editor](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6650 FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:44:26 PM

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For item 3, yes, policies, regulations and/or guidance would work. I basically would like to know what the procedures are for 1) preventing mold and 2) responding to complaints about mold. Staff members I spoke to said that their concerns about their classrooms/trailers were initially dismissed by the workers who came out to test if there was mold, so what standards does FCPS use to determine whether there's mold that needs to be addressed?

For item 4, I'm interested in seeing the past decade, so January 2012 through August 2022.

Thank you,

Angela

On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 12:49 PM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Hi Angela,

Items 3 and 4 will require a search for public records. See highlighted below.

1. Has FCPS heard about toxic or black mold being an issue in schools?
2. If so, which schools have been the most problematic, and what has been done in response to complaints from staff and/or families?
3. **What is FCPS' process for dealing with mold?**
4. **How many workers' compensation filings have there been against FCPS related to health issues caused by mold?**

Please clarify what public records you seek for item 3. For example, do you seek FCPS policies, regulations, and guidance related to mold abatement?

For item 4, please provide a date range.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

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From: Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 9:31 AM
To: FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues

Angela,

We'll get back to you if we can help with these questions. Thanks



Jennifer Sellers

Media Outreach Specialist
Office of Communication & Community Relations
571-230-5309

Please note, the FCPS Media Relations Team requires 24 hours to respond to properly submitted questions from bona fide journalists.

From: FFXnow Editor <news@ffxnow.com>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] FFXnow comment request on toxic mold issues

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Has FCPS heard about toxic or black mold being an issue in schools? If so, which schools have been the most problematic, and what has been done in response to complaints from staff and/or families? **What is FCPS' process for dealing with mold? How many workers' compensation filings have there been against FCPS related to health issues caused by mold?**

I don't have a specific deadline on this right now but would appreciate hearing back as soon as you're able to respond.

Thank you in advance,

Angela Woolsey

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Editor, *FFXnow* & *Tysons Reporter*

Email: news@ffxnow.com

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nick Minock](#)
Cc: [Paul Gourley](#); [Media Relations](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6656/57 Response
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 4:09:48 PM
Attachments: [RE EXT VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed.msg](#)
[RE EXT VFOIA-6657 Cenergistic October 2015.msg](#)

Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requests, which were received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

VFOIA-6656: "WJLA requests Goli Trump's emails, sent and received, during the month of January 2016 that mention the word "Cenergistic"

VFOIA-6657: "WJLA requests Goli Trump's emails, sent and received, during the month of October 2015 that mention the word(s) "Cenergistic" and "whistleblower."

The FCPS FOIA Office conducted a diligent search for responsive records. Please be advised that no responsive records were located. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." All costs associated with this search have been waived as a courtesy.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nick Minock](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Paul Gourley](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:29:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Nick Minock,

Thank you for clarifying your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request.

A response to your request will be provided to you on or before September 15, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Paul Gourley <hpgourley@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed

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Hello:

WJLA-TV will clarify this FOIA request:

“all emails and correspondence during the month of January 2016 between Goli Trump and employees of the FCPS school district that mention the word “Cenergistic”

To:

“WJLA requests Goli Trump’s emails, sent and received, during the month of January 2016 that mention the word “Cenergistic”

Best,

Nick Minock

Reporter, WJLA Television

1100 Wilson Blvd

Arlington, VA 22209

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed

Nick Minock,

As mentioned previously, FCPS employs approximately 35,000 employees. Additional specificity is required to allow for a central email search. At a minimum we require the departments or offices you would like to include in the search.

We look forward to processing your request once you provide the details needed to proceed.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

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From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 10:01 PM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: [EXT] VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed

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The key terms are specific enough for both FOIAs I submitted.

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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 3:57:17 PM

To: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>

Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: [EXT] VFOIA-6656 Clarification Needed

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Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 31, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“all emails and correspondence during the month of January 2016 between Goli Trump and employees of the FCPS school district that mention the word “Cenergistic”

Please be advised that additional information is required to allow the FOIA Office to conduct a

central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). FCPS employs approximately 35,000 employees. Please clarify the FCPS employees and/or departments you would like to use in this search.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

8115 Gatehouse Road

Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nick Minock](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Paul Gourley](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6657 Cenergistic October 2015
Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:30:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Nick Minock,

Thank you for clarifying your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request.

A response to your request will be provided to you on or before September 15, 2022.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Paul Gourley <hpgourley@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6657 Cenergistic October 2015

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Hello:

WJLA-TV will clarify this FOIA request:

“all emails and correspondence during the month of October 2015 between Goli Trump and employees of the FCPS school district that mention the words “Cenergistic” and “whistleblower”

To:

“WJLA requests Goli Trump’s emails, sent and received, during the month of October 2015 that mention the word(s) “Cenergistic” and “whistleblower.”

I cc’d Paul Gourley. Please include him on any emails you send to me regarding my two FOIA requests.

Best,

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [EXT] VFOIA-6657 Cenergistic October 2015

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Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request which was

received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on August 31, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“all emails and correspondence during the month of October 2015 between Goli Trump and employees of the FCPS school district that mention the words “Cenergistic” and “whistleblower”

Please be advised that additional information is required to allow the FOIA Office to conduct a central email search. VFOIA requires that requests for public records be made with reasonable specificity. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). FCPS employs approximately 35,000 employees. Please clarify the FCPS employees and/or departments you would like to use in this search.

Thank you,

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Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 5:15 PM

To: Lloyd, Helen A <halloyd@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] FOIA Request - Cenergistic October 2015

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Hello:

This is a Freedom of Information Act request on behalf of WJLA-TV.

WJLA-TV requests all emails and correspondence during the month of October 2015 between Goli Trump and employees of the FCPS school district that mention the words “Cenergistic” and “whistleblower”

Nick Minock

Reporter, WJLA Television

1100 Wilson Blvd

Arlington, VA 22209

Cell: 571-289-9387

Email: njminock@SBGTV.com

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Nick Minock](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Paul Gourley](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6656/57 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 1:55:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Nick Minock,

Thank you for your follow-up.

Information regarding the retention of emails is outlined in the Fairfax County Record Management Manual linked below. Please refer to 7.

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/rmm.pdf>

If you seek additional records or would like to broaden your search, please let me know.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Cc: Paul Gourley <hpgourley@sbgvtv.com>; Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [EXT] VFOIA-6656/57 Response

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Thank you.

Does FCPS delete emails of former FCPS employees?

And does FCPS maintain records of emails of former FCPS employees? I have a hard time believing

these emails don't exist.

Nick

Nick Minock
Reporter, WJLA Television
1100 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, VA 22209
Cell: 571-289-9387
Email: njminock@SBGTV.com
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From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Nick Minock <njminock@sbgstv.com>
Cc: Paul Gourley <hpgourley@sbgstv.com>; Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [EXT] VFOIA-6656/57 Response

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Nick Minock,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requests, which were received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

VFOIA-6656: "WJLA requests Goli Trump's emails, sent and received, during the month of January 2016 that mention the word "Cenergistic"

VFOIA-6657: "WJLA requests Goli Trump's emails, sent and received, during the month of

October 2015 that mention the word(s) “Cenergistic” and “whistleblower.”

The FCPS FOIA Office conducted a diligent search for responsive records. Please be advised that no responsive records were located. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” All costs associated with this search have been waived as a courtesy.

Thank you,

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Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["sgelman@wtop.com"](mailto:sgelman@wtop.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6664 Estimate
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:49:39 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 6, 2022. Please see the attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“The number of FCPS students repeating a grade this school year (2022-23), and additionally, the number of students repeating a grade this school year because parents requested they repeat the grade.”

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 5 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$175.00 (5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 12:10:36 PM

Submitted on Tue, 09/06/2022 - 12:10

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

The number of FCPS students repeating a grade this school year (2022-23), and additionally, the number of students repeating a grade this school year because parents requested they repeat the grade.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["mblacher@sbgvtv.com"](mailto:mblacher@sbgvtv.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6670
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:39:07 AM
Attachments: [first Mitchlast Blacher.msg](#)

Mitch Blacher,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 7, 2022 Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. all past and currently executed insurance policy documents to mitigate cybersecurity, hacking, ransomware, identity theft and/or internet security risk. Please include but do not limit records to those showing the policy term, policy cost, and policy deductible for each policy.
2. Please also include documentation showing any and all payments made by any identified policy to the district or other covered entities. Please include all available detail regarding these policy payments. Please provide records since January 1, 2019 to the present date."

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." FCPS estimates that it will require 16 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$560.00 (16 hours at the rate of \$35/hour).

Pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3704(H), the FCPS can require payment prior to processing your VFOIA request because the estimated costs will exceed \$200. If you wish to continue with your VFOIA request, then please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below. A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the "Fairfax County Public Schools" to the address listed in the signature below.

Regards,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: mblacher@sbgty.com
Subject: first: Mitchlast: Blacher
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:49:43 PM

Submitted on Wed, 09/07/2022 - 14:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Mitch Blacher

1100 Wilson Blvd Arlington, Virginia. 22209

mblacher@sbgty.com

5714579640

Yes

Please provide copies of or access to all past and currently executed insurance policy documents to mitigate cybersecurity, hacking, ransomware, identity theft and/or internet security risk. Please include but do not limit records to those showing the policy term, policy cost, and policy deductible for each policy. Please also include documentation showing any and all payments made by any identified policy to the district or other covered entities. Please include all available detail regarding these policy payments. Please provide records since January 1, 2019 to the present date. I request a waiver of all fees. I am a member of the news media. The requested records will be used to inform the public on government operations, not for commercial purposes.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Cho, Aimee \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6671 Response
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:33:21 PM
Attachments: [RE VFOIA-6671 Response .msg](#)
[VFOIA-6671 Cho Production.pdf](#)

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. On September 16, 2022 FCPS provided you with an advanced cost estimate and you confirmed you would like to proceed with the request. On September 19, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached.

In your request you seek:

Emails with the keywords "Jonathan Coch" and/or "Jonathon Coch" sent to/from 9/1/22-9/8/22, from the following groups/individuals:

1. Human Resources,
2. Superintendent's Office,
3. Safety and Security
4. Douglas Tyson
5. Ray Lonnett
6. Jonathon Coch
7. James Marotta
8. Faye Cofer

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached PDF. Personnel information concerning personnel actions was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1).

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to "make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records." The cost of supplying you with these records is \$122.50 (3.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour.) Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below within thirty (30) days. Va. Code Ann. 2.2-3704(I). A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHI00A25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the "Fairfax County Public Schools" to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Cho, Aimee \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Cc: [Media Relations; Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6671 Response
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 8:16:27 AM

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. On September 16, 2022 FCPS provided you with an advanced cost estimate and you confirmed you would like to proceed with the request.

Due to the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before September 27, 2022.

Thank you,

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From: Cho, Aimee (NBCUniversal) <Aimee.Cho@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 4:37 PM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Cc: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: Re: VFOIA-6671 Response

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Yes I would like to proceed. Thank you!

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From: Requests, FOIA <[FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu](#)>

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 2:44:52 PM

To: Cho, Aimee (NBCUniversal) <[Aimee.Cho@nbcuni.com](#)>

Cc: Media Relations <[MediaRelations@fcps.edu](#)>; Requests, FOIA <[FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu](#)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] VFOIA-6671 Response

Aimee Cho,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

Emails with the keywords "Jonathan Coch" and/or "Jonathon Coch" sent to/from 9/1/22-

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: sgelman@wtop.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6675 Response
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:19:54 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 9, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“A copy of the final independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.”

Please be advised that there is no responsive record at this time. You may wish to submit your request in the near future to determine whether responsive records become available.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 12:10:28 PM

Submitted on Fri, 09/09/2022 - 12:10

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

A copy of the final independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Tim"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6689 Estimate
Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 3:45:37 PM
Attachments: [RE External Re Stossel TV Request.msg](#)

Tim Stossel,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 15, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. How many total teachers are there in Fairfax County?
2. How many were fired from their jobs in 2021?

Please clarify, do you seek information by school year or calendar year?

Regards,

Molly Shannon

Manager, Public Records

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Sellers, Jennifer M](#)
To: [Tim](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Miller, Kathleen E](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Stossel TV Request
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:35:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Tim,

If we can help on your first two questions we will get back to you.

As far as your data request, your email seeks information and data that may be available in public records and would require a record search. Your email has been forwarded to the FOIA Office (CC'ed) for coordination and response.

Thanks!



Jennifer Sellers

Media Outreach Specialist
Office of Communication & Community Relations
571-230-5309

Please note, the FCPS Media Relations Team requires 24 hours to respond to properly submitted questions from bona fide journalists.

From: Tim <tim@johnstossel.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Re: Stossel TV Request

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Hi Julie-

Thanks for the response. Does Nichols still work in one of your schools?

Do you know if there was anything disputed by Fairfax in the Post's reporting?

And a separate question: how many total teachers are there in Fairfax County? And how many were fired from their jobs in 2021?

Thanks, let me know anything further I can provide.

Tim

On Sep 15, 2022, at 10:10 AM, Tim <tim@johnstossel.com> wrote:

And where is Nichols now?

A separate question: how many total teachers are there in Fairfax County? And how many were fired from their jobs in 2021?

Thank you, and please let me know any further questions you have for me.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: sgelman@wtop.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6692 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:59:39 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 16, 2022.

Please be advised that there currently are no records responsive to your request for “A copy of the final independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.”

You may wish to submit a request in the near future to determine whether responsive records become available.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

Office of Communications & Community Relations

Fairfax County Public Schools

Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:41:10 PM

Submitted on Thu, 09/15/2022 - 22:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

A copy of the final independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["sgelman@wtop.com"](mailto:sgelman@wtop.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6703 Response
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 3:54:54 PM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6703 Extension Notice.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 19, 2022. On September 23, 2022 FCPS invoked a seven working day extension. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“A copy of Superintendent Michelle Reid’s weekly letter to members of the Fairfax County School Board dated Monday September 19, 2022.”

Records responsive to your request (the letter and corresponding attachments) are being provided to you via the SmartFile link provided below. Please download a copy of the records for your personal use as the link will expire in 30 calendar days.

Personnel information concerning identifiable individuals was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1), information identifiable to students was redacted pursuant to 20 USC 1232(g) (f) and Va. Code 2.2-3705.4(A)(1), attorney client privilege information was redacted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(2), contact tracing information was redacted pursuant to Va. Code §§ 32.1-36, -38, -41, and 12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-90-100.

- <https://file.ac/Q7d1oJpiQtc/>

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” The cost of supplying you with these records is \$35.00 (1 hour at the rate of \$35/hour.) Please submit payment online via the FCPS FOIA Payment Portal provided at the link below within thirty (30) days. Va. Code 2.2-3704(I). A receipt will be provided to you upon completion of your online payment.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/stores/checkout/getproduct?clientKey=ZZIPH74FHIOOA25&buttonID=1316173c-616f-42f9-989c-8939cb475421>

Alternatively, payment can be made by sending a check made payable to the “Fairfax County Public Schools” to the address listed in the signature below.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

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Fairfax County Public Schools
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From: [Matthes, Connor M](#)
To: ["sgelman@wtop.com"](mailto:sgelman@wtop.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6703 Extension Notice
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 3:19:24 PM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)
[RE VFOIA-6703 Cost Estimate .msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 19, 2022. On September 23, 2022 you confirmed that you would like to proceed with your request. Please see the attached for reference.

Due to limited staffing and the amount of time that will be required to process your request, FCPS requires an additional seven working days to respond. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B)(4). FCPS will respond to your request by or before October 5, 2022.

Regards,

[FOIA Office](#)

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8115 Gatehouse Road

Falls Church, VA 22042

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From: [Gelman, Scott](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [Media Relations](#)
Subject: RE: VFOIA-6703 Cost Estimate
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:23:38 PM

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Please proceed with the request. Thanks!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Gelman, Scott <Scott.Gelman@wtop.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>; Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6703 Cost Estimate

[External email – use care when clicking on links or attachments]

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 19, 2022.

In your request you seek:

“A copy of Superintendent Michelle Reid’s weekly letter to members of the Fairfax County School Board dated Monday September 19, 2022.”

The requested letter is an email with attachments that require a review to redact student information. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 1 hour of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$35.00 (1 hour at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon
FOIA Officer
Office of Communications & Community Relations
Fairfax County Public Schools
Ph: 571-253-4823
mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:36:09 AM

Submitted on Mon, 09/19/2022 - 10:36

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

A copy of Superintendent Michelle Reid's weekly letter to members of the Fairfax County School Board dated Monday September 19, 2022.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: hgraf@wjla.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6705 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:00:38 PM
Attachments: [first Heather last Graf.msg](#)
[first Heatherlast Graf.msg](#)

Heather Graf,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requests. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek the draft or final version of the independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, regarding Darren Thornton.

Please be advised that the independent third-party report is subject to withholding in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(2)(written advice of legal counsel and attorney-client privilege information), and Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(3) ([l]egal memoranda and other work product compiled specifically for use in...an active administrative investigation concerning a matter that is properly the subject of a closed meeting under [Virginia Code] § 2.2-3711.) Please also be advised that information in the report is subject to partial withholding pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1)(personnel information concerning identifiable individual.)

A summary of the investigation has been made publicly available in the FCPS website. That link is provided below.

- <https://www.fcps.edu/node/46328>

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: hgraf@wjla.com
Subject: first: Heather last: Graf
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:50:25 AM

Submitted on Thu, 09/22/2022 - 10:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Heather Graf

1100 Wilson Boulevard Arlington VA, Virginia. 22209

hgraf@wjla.com

5718677114

No

Hello, I submitted a separate request on 9/20, but in the interest of covering all my bases I wanted to submit another modified request. I would like to request copies of the third party report/investigation on the Darren Thornton case, to include documents related to any preliminary or initial findings and any subsequent updates to that report.

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: hgraf@wjla.com
Subject: first: Heatherlast: Graf
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:07:42 AM

Submitted on Tue, 09/20/2022 - 11:07

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Heather Graf

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hgraf@wjla.com

571-867-7114

Yes

I would like to request a copy of the completed report/investigation done by a third party FCPS brought in to look into the circumstances surrounding the employment of Darren Thornton, a former counselor at Glasgow Middle School. It is my understanding this report was expected to be complete by September.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: allison.papson@fox.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6707 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 1:57:13 PM
Attachments: [first Allisonlast Papson.msg](#)
[VFOIA-6628 Production.pdf](#)

Allison Papson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 21, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek a copy of the records that were provided and used in the below Twitter post:

- <https://twitter.com/AimeeCho4/status/1572268632075296770?s=20&t=NhfNrqd3idHrWtHhZjJqhg>

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached PDF.

Thank you,

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: allison.papson@fox.com
Subject: first: Allisonlast: Papson
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:47:27 PM

Submitted on Tue, 09/20/2022 - 16:47

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Allison Papson

5310 Connecticut Ave NW Apt. 17 Washington, District of Columbia. 20015

allison.papson@fox.com

2028953000

No

Hi, Will you please send us these documents?

[https://twitter.com/AimeeCho4/status/1572268632075296770?](https://twitter.com/AimeeCho4/status/1572268632075296770?s=20&t=NhfNrqd3idHrWtHhZjJqh)

[s=20&t=NhfNrqd3idHrWtHhZjJqh](https://twitter.com/AimeeCho4/status/1572268632075296770?s=20&t=NhfNrqd3idHrWtHhZjJqh) COUNSELOR FIRED: Fairfax County Schools recently revealed a convicted sex offender was able to work as a counselor for months after his conviction, before being fired. I sent a FOIA request for FCPS officials' internal emails on the matter. Here's a sampling of what I got back Thank you. Allison Papson Fox 5

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: sgelman@wtop.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6711/10 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:56:50 AM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)
[first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requests. Please see attached for reference.

In your requests you seek:

1. Any draft or final copies of **presentations or documents** shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.
2. Any **draft** version of the **independent, third-party report**, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.

Regarding item 1, based on the latter underlined portion of your request, FCPS does not have responsive records. If you seek records more broadly “presentations or documents shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board” regarding Darren Thornton, please let me know. Please also clarify if this request includes email communications. If so, please identify a date range you would like to use for this search. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B).

Regarding item 2, please be advised that the independent third-party report is subject to withholding in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(2)(written advice of legal counsel and attorney-client privilege information), and Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(3) ([l]egal memoranda and other work product compiled specifically for use in...an active administrative investigation concerning a matter that is properly the subject of a closed meeting under [Virginia Code] § 2.2-3711.) Please also be advised that information in the report is subject to partial withholding pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1)(personnel information concerning identifiable individual.)

A summary of the investigation has been made publicly available in the FCPS website. That link is provided below.

- <https://www.fcps.edu/node/46328>

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:40:55 PM

Submitted on Wed, 09/21/2022 - 16:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

Any draft or final copies of presentations or documents shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: sgelman@wtop.com
Subject: first: Scottlast: Gelman
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:39:44 PM

Submitted on Wed, 09/21/2022 - 16:39

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Scott Gelman

5425 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland. 20815

sgelman@wtop.com

2028955327

Yes

Any draft version of the independent, third-party report, commissioned by Superintendent Michelle Reid, that details findings regarding how Darren Thornton remained employed at Glasgow Middle School despite an arrest and charge.

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: "Max Marcilla"
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6713 Response
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:43:13 AM
Attachments: [External FOIA Document Request DC News Now.msg](#)

Max Marcilla

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“the report filed by the outside legal counsel as part of its independent investigation into Darren Thornton, the former counselor at Glasgow Middle School.”

Please be advised that the independent third-party report is subject to withholding in its entirety pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(2)(written advice of legal counsel and attorney-client privilege information), and Va. Code 2.2-3705.1(3) ([l]egal memoranda and other work product compiled specifically for use in...an active administrative investigation concerning a matter that is properly the subject of a closed meeting under [Virginia Code] § 2.2-3711.) Please also be advised that information in the report is subject to partial withholding pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1)(personnel information concerning identifiable individual.)

A summary of the investigation has been made publicly available in the FCPS website. That link is provided below.

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Thank you,

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From: [Max Marcilla](#)
To: [Media Relations](#); [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: [WDVM News](#)
Subject: [External] FOIA/Document Request: DC News Now
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:42:09 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-Logo_icon.png](#)
[Outlook-Facebook_i.png](#)
[Outlook-LinkedIn_i.png](#)
[Outlook-Twitter_ic.png](#)
[Outlook-Youtube_ic.png](#)
[Outlook-Instagram.png](#)

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Good evening,

I'm reaching out to request a copy of the report filed by the outside legal counsel as part of its independent investigation into Darren Thornton, the former counselor at Glasgow Middle School.

Thank you for your help!

Best,
Max Marcilla

Max Marcilla
Northern Virginia Reporter



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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Mike Baker"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6722 Response
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:16:34 PM
Attachments: [External NYT request 928.msg](#)

Mike Baker,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 29, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“Copies of all NRA grant applications (including NRA Foundation or Friends of NRA) filed since January 2019 for any JROTC program in the district.”

FCPS conducted a diligent search for records responsive to your request. Please be advised that there are no records responsive to your request.

Regards,

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From: [Mike Baker](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: [External] NYT request, 9/28
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:56:38 PM

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Hello. Pursuant to state open records law, The New York Times requests the following information:

- Copies of all NRA grant applications (including NRA Foundation or Friends of NRA) filed since January 2019 for any JROTC program in the district.

Thank you for the help. Mike

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Mike Baker | The New York Times

206-963-4489

@ByMikeBaker

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Gelman, Scott](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6723 Cost Estimate
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:08:06 PM

Scott Gelman.

Thank you for clarifying the scope of your request on September 29, 2022.

In your request you seek (summarized):

records that fit “presentations or documents shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board” regarding Darren Thornton, including internal email communication between July 1 2022 and Sept. 24. 2022.

A preliminary search for records was conducted. Approximately 77 pages of emails were located in addition to non-email records.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” FCPS estimates that it will require 2.5 hours of labor time to fulfill your request. The estimated costs to respond to your request under VFOIA are \$87.50 (2.5 hours at the rate of \$35/hour). If you proceed with your request under VFOIA, then the final costs and payment instructions will be invoiced to you in our final response.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: Gelman, Scott <Scott.Gelman@wtop.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:04 AM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: VFOIA-6723 Clarification Needed



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Internal only. Thanks!

Scott Gelman

On Sep 29, 2022, at 10:58 AM, Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

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Good morning Scott,

In regard to your request for an email search, do you seek internal emails only or do you seek external emails from parents, students, etc. to School Board members?

Once you provide this clarification, then we will proceed with this record search. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B).

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: Gelman, Scott <Scott.Gelman@wtop.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 1:02 PM

To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: VFOIA-6711/10 Response

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Let's go with records that fit "presentations or documents shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board" regarding Darren Thornton, including email communication between July 1 2022 and Sept. 24. 2022.

Thanks!

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Gelman, Scott <Scott.Gelman@wtop.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: VFOIA-6711/10 Response

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Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requests. Please see attached for reference.

In your requests you seek:

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Regarding item 1, based on the latter underlined portion of your request, FCPS does not have responsive records. If you seek records more broadly "presentations or documents shared with any member of the Fairfax County School Board" regarding Darren Thornton, please let me know. Please also clarify if this request includes email communications. If so, please identify a date range you would like to use for this search. Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3704(B).

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Please also be advised that information in the report is subject to partial withholding pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(1)(personnel information concerning identifiable individual.)

A summary of the investigation has been made publicly available in the FCPS website. That link is provided below.

1. <https://www.fcps.edu/node/46328>

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: jesseremedios@gmail.com
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6726/27 Response
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:06:44 AM
Attachments: [first Jesselast Remedios.msg](#)
[first Jesselast Remedios.msg](#)

Jesse Remedios,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 29, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your requests you seek:

Any/all records, including but not limited to:

- Disciplinary data for all Fairfax County Public Schools from the 2012/13 to 2021/22 school year. Specifically,
 1. Any and all documents included in the annual "Discipline Report" (DCV) that FCPS submits to the Virginia Department of Education.
 - a. Including any supplementary input documents such as memos, reports, correspondence, etc.
 2. Electronic data, included in a database, that details
 - a. the total number of disciplinary incidents across all FCPS middle and high schools broken down by school and incident type.
 3. The number of incidents at each school that led to severe disciplinary action, such as, including but not limited to,
 - a. 10-day suspensions,
 - b. referral to the Division Superintendent,
 - c. long-term suspensions,
 - d. expulsions,
 - e. or an arrest by local law enforcement.

Information for 2016-2021 is publicly available online via the report link provided below. If you seek records for years prior to 2016/2017, then please let me know so we can work to provide you with a cost estimate for the same.

- <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/selection.do>

Once you access the website, then make the following selections for each year. Select Fairfax County, and then select the offense type, the discipline type (this is the Administrative Response). Then, select the desired radio button options at the bottom of the data selection tool. Offense Frequency will list by offense category type (select Fight from the offense list). Disciplinary Outcome is a frequency count by offense category type by the administrative response for in or out of school suspensions. The current school year data will not be available until data is submitted and accepted

by the Virginia Department of Education.

Additional discipline, crime, and school climate, and youth survey data is publicly available online at the links provided below:

- https://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/school_climate/index.shtml
- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/data/youth-survey>

Thank you,

FOIA Office

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From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: jesseremedios@gmail.com
Subject: first: Jesselast: Remedios
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 12:03:27 PM

Submitted on Thu, 09/29/2022 - 12:03

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Jesse Remedios

25 Westbourne Ter. Apt 1 Brookline, Massachusetts. 02446

jesseremedios@gmail.com

703-307-7548

No

To Whom It May Concern: Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §2.2-3704 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of any/all records, including but not limited, to disciplinary data for all Fairfax County Public Middle and High Schools from the 2012/13 school year through the 2021/22 school year. This includes, but is not limited to: Any and all documents included in the annual "Discipline Reports" (DC & V) FCPS submits to the Virginia Department of Education, including any supplementary input documents such as memos, reports, correspondence, etc. Electronic data, included in a database, that details the total number of disciplinary incidents across all FCPS middle and high schools from 2012/2013 through 2021/22, broken down by school year, school, and incident type. Please also include the number of incidents at each school that led to severe disciplinary action, such as, including but not limited to, 10-day suspensions, referrals to the Division Superintendent, long-term suspensions, expulsions, or an arrest by local law enforcement. Please provide this data in its native electronic format, as well as any other forms in which it is compiled, collected, or analyzed. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request. If the cost will exceed \$50, please notify me in advance. I am a journalist and this request is being sought in the interest of the public. Sincerely, Jesse Remedios jesseremedios@gmail.com 703-307-7548

From: do-not-reply@fcps.edu on behalf of [Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
To: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Cc: jesseremedios@gmail.com
Subject: first: Jesselast: Remedios
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 12:05:50 PM

Submitted on Thu, 09/29/2022 - 12:05

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Jesse Remedios

25 Westbourne Terrace Apt. 1 Brookline, Massachusetts. 02446

jesseremedios@gmail.com

7033077548

No

Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §2.2-3704 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of any/all records, including but not limited, to disciplinary data for all Fairfax County Public Schools from the 2021/22 school year. This includes, but is not limited to: Any and all documents included in the annual "Discipline Report" (DCV) that FCPS submits to the Virginia Department of Education, including any supplementary input documents such as memos, reports, correspondence, etc. Electronic data, included in a database, that details the total number of disciplinary incidents across all FCPS middle and high schools broken down by school and incident type. Please also include the number of incidents at each school that led to severe disciplinary action, such as, including but not limited to, 10-day suspensions, referral to the Division Superintendent, long-term suspensions, expulsions, or an arrest by local law enforcement. Please provide this data in its native electronic format, as well as any other forms in which it is compiled, collected, or analyzed. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request. If the cost will exceed \$50, please notify me in advance. I am a journalist and these records are being sought in the interest of the public. Sincerely, Jesse Remedios jesseremedios@gmail.com 703-307-7548

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Koslof, Evan](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6733 Response
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:53:32 AM
Attachments: [VFOIA-6733 Media Inquiry - Football Enrollment Numbers.msg](#)
[Va FOIA Inquiry Football Participation Abstract-Summary.xlsx](#)

Evan Koslof,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) on September 30, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

1. How many students are currently enrolled in high school football at FCPS?
2. Are you able to share numbers from the last ten years?

Records responsive to your request are being provided to you via the attached spreadsheet. Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” All costs associated with providing you with this record are being waived as a courtesy due to the minimal amount of time to produce the record.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Ph: 571-253-4823

mshannon@fcps.edu

From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Koslof, Evan](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6733 Media Inquiry - Football Enrollment Numbers
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:38:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Evan Koslof,

Thank you for submitting your request for information. A response to your request will be provided to you on or before October 7, 2022.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:07 PM

To: Koslof, Evan <ekoslof@wusa9.com>; Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Media Inquiry - Football Enrollment Numbers

Hi Evan,

I believe your inquiry requires a public records search to obtain the information you are seeking. I am ccing our Freedom of Information Office on here to see if they can assist.

From: Koslof, Evan <ekoslof@wusa9.com>

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:03 PM

To: Media Relations <MediaRelations@fcps.edu>; Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>

Subject: [External] Media Inquiry - Football Enrollment Numbers

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Good morning,

I hope all is well. I'm reaching out because our team is working on a story about youth enrollment data in football programs across our area. We were hoping you could help provide statistics for Fairfax County students. Here's our inquiry:

- How many students are currently enrolled in high school football at FCPS?
- How does this compare to past enrollment? Are you able to share numbers from the last ten years? At the very least, can you share last year's numbers and the numbers from 10 years ago?

Thanks for your time,

EVAN KOSLOF (HE/HIM) | **VERIFY REPORTER**

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["Linda Jacobson"](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Media Relations](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6742 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 3:15:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Jacobson,

I wanted to follow-up with you as I received follow-up clarification you provided my colleagues in the media group.

It is my understanding that you seek data specifically referring to services for students with IEPs who missed services due to remote learning. Please be advised that the data point is reflected in recovery services not compensatory services data.

That updated data point for recovery services is provided below.

- Currently, there are 59 students with recovery services on their current IEP.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

FOIA Officer

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Fairfax County Public Schools

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mshannon@fcps.edu

From: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 3:18 PM
To: 'Linda Jacobson' <linda@the74million.org>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Re: VFOIA-6742 Clarification Needed

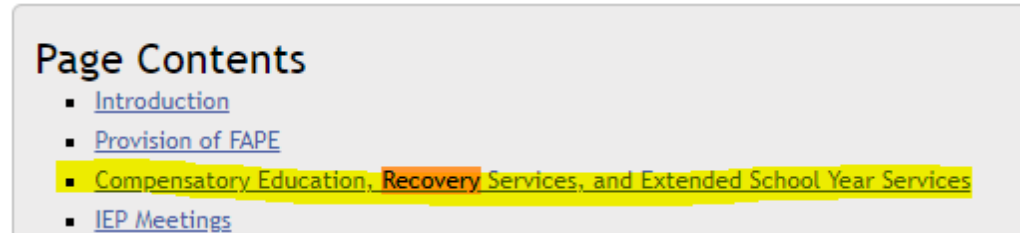
Linda Jacobson,

Thank you for your follow-up email.

Please be advised that VFOIA “applies to requests for public records, not requests for information or for answers to questions.” VFOIA Advisory Council Op. AO-06-05 (May 31, 2005). As a courtesy, I was

able to locate publicly available information on the VDOE webpage that may answer your questions. Please see the image and link below. If you seek records of FCPS, then please clarify what records you seek. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B).

https://doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19-session-faq.shtml#compinformation



Thank you,

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From: Linda Jacobson <linda@the74million.org>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Re: VFOIA-6742 Clarification Needed

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Just checking on this.

Thanks.

-Linda

On Wed, Oct 12, 2022 at 11:05 AM Linda Jacobson <linda@the74million.org> wrote:

Thanks for the note. I guess the question is how is the district defining recovery services and how is it different from compensatory education or services? I'm specifically referring to services for students with IEPs who missed services due to remote learning.

Thanks.

-Linda

On Wed, Oct 12, 2022 at 11:02 AM Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu> wrote:

Linda Jacobson,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request. Your request which was received by the FOIA Office on October 6, 2022.

Additional clarification is needed before we can provide you with the requested data. Va. Code § 2.2-3704(B). In your request you state “I have this memo from February about how many students **were receiving compensatory education.**”

However, the linked document references “recovery services.” These are two different sets of data. Please clarify, do you seek recovery services data as referenced in the document linked below?

- <https://specialeducationaction.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/FCPS-OCR-Production-3-Page-1989.pdf>

Once you clarify the request, I will reach back out to the record custodian regarding the data.

Thank you,

Molly Shannon

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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: [Miller, Kathleen E](#); [Mathews, Jay](#)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#); [Moult, Julie](#); [Sellers, Jennifer M](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6744 Clarification Needed
Date: Friday, October 7, 2022 8:36:27 AM

Hi Jay,

We do not track this data based on the context of who at the school is advising that the student take the higher-level 8th grade math.

I can look into the data for 7th graders currently taking 8th grade math. Please let me know if this is data you seek.

Thanks,

Molly Shannon

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From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>
Cc: Requests, FOIA <FOIA_Requests@fcps.edu>; Moult, Julie <jmoult@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

No prob!

I think the data request would require a public records search so I am ccing our FOIA folks to see if that is something we track.

best,
Kathleen

From: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

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Thanks Kathleen. Do you have any data indicating if the percentage of 7th graders being advised by their counselors to take algebra in 8th grade has changed in the last few years?---
jay

From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:04 PM

To: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>

Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Visioli, Beth <elvisioli@fcps.edu>

Subject: RE: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

Hi Jay,

I would just reiterate what Sloan had said in the earlier statement: FCPS Algebra 1 is **open enrollment** for any student starting in grade 8.

Sloan offered the below additional FCPS comment today if helpful:

Schools are putting initiatives in place to address Algebra 1 enrollment by 8th grade. During curriculum nights, town halls, and parent coffees, families are engaged in discussions about the importance of Algebra by 8th grade in order to open more opportunities for higher level math courses in high school.

- School counselors provide individual academic advisement for students. Students' course histories, course prerequisites and teacher input are considered. Some schools review records for students who did not sign up for Algebra to determine if a student can be challenged to take Algebra 1 as an 8th grader.
- Students are placed in intervention classes during the 7th grade to prepare them for enrollment in Algebra as 8th graders. Additionally, students can be co-enrolled in intervention classes during the 8th grade which provide support as they take Algebra.
- Co-curricular classes, such as AVID, provide students with the necessary skills and strategies to not only participate but to be successful in Algebra 1 in the 8th grade.

From: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

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Thanks Kathleen. I think your meaning was clear. So am I right that your system still encourages schools to decide who is ready for algebra in 8th grade and who is not? That seems to me to be the problem---expectations are too low. The emphasis is on sorting and not teaching. What do you say? Obviously you and the county want to get more kids into 8th grade algebra 1, but if that teacher/parent's story I told is right, you need to work harder at it.---jay

From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

- Hi Jay,

Apologies – noticed a dropped word, not sure you are even using this section but just in case.

There are a variety of supports in place to support students' successful completion of Algebra I in grade **eight** and we are continuing to increase these efforts to ensure students are able to challenge themselves to take rigorous coursework.

From: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>
Subject: [External] Re: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

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Excellent. I am going to add something from this and run it by you.

This one caught my eye:

FCPS Algebra 1 is open enrollment for any student starting in grade 8. Nationally, algebra participation by grade eight is [24% \[ed.gov\]](#) [\[secure-web.cisco.com\]](#) [\[secure-web.cisco.com\]](#) and FCPS participation was 57% during the 2021-22 school year. Increasing participation and success in Algebra 1 by grade is part of the FCPS Strategic Plan

You noticed in the piece I did recently a parent told me you recommended his daughter wait until 9th grade for Algebra 1. Are you saying you have stopped making such recommendations? The parent is an FCPS math teacher who is quite certain that you advise many families to wait until 9th grade for Algebra 1, based in his view on the incorrect assumption in many cases that they can't handle it in 8th grade. Since his daughter was advised to wait until 9th grade despite very high math scores, I would think he might have a case. What do you say? This is NOT for a column I plan to write any time soon, unless you tell me that you have changed your recommendation policy. Then I would want to write about it because that would be news. For now I am just curious.---jay

From: Miller, Kathleen E <kemiller@fcps.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:32 AM

To: Mathews, Jay <Jay.Mathews@washpost.com>

Cc: Moulton, Julie <jmoulton@fcps.edu>; Sellers, Jennifer M <jmsellers@fcps.edu>; Visioli, Beth <elvisioli@fcps.edu>

Subject: FCPS statement re Math inquiries

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Hi Jay,

Here is our response to your math standards inquiry. Thanks so much for reaching out!

FCPS statement:

FCPS believes all students should engage in rigorous coursework and we support students in pursuing rigorous mathematics pathways.

- FCPS Algebra 1 is open enrollment for any student starting in grade 8. Nationally, algebra participation by grade eight is [24% \[ed.gov\]](#) [\[secure-web.cisco.com\]](#) [\[secure-web.cisco.com\]](#) and FCPS participation was 57% during the 2021-22 school year. Increasing participation and success in Algebra 1 by grade is part of the FCPS Strategic Plan
- There are a variety of supports in place to support students successful completion of Algebra I in grade and we are continuing to increase these efforts to ensure students are able to challenge themselves to take rigorous coursework.

- The use of double block or as referenced in the article, two course package, can be an effective practice and is supported for many courses across the division. As Mr. Horkan mentioned, he did not involve division staff in the planning or implementation of his model but if he had chosen to do so, he would have been supported.
- FCPS Department of Instructional Services is committed to partnering with schools and teachers to create the best possible learning outcomes for all students. When schools or teachers reach out with questions, concerns or ideas about course pathways, we work with the school staff to move forward with meeting the students' needs.

Best,

Kathleen Miller
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From: [Requests, FOIA](#)
To: ["sgelman@wtop.com"](mailto:sgelman@wtop.com)
Cc: [Requests, FOIA](#)
Subject: VFOIA-6757 Response
Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:18:11 AM
Attachments: [first Scottlast Gelman.msg](#)

Scott Gelman,

Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Your request was received on October 17, 2022. Please see attached for reference.

In your request you seek:

“a copy of the weekly letter sent from Superintendent Michelle Reid to members of the county school board on Oct. 17, 2022. I am only requesting the email itself and do not need any attachments.”

FCPS conducted a search for records responsive to your request. There was no weekly letter sent from Superintendent Michelle Reid to members of the county school board on October 17, 2022.

Va. Code 2.2-3704(F) allows FCPS to “make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records.” All costs associated with providing you with these records have been waived as a courtesy.

Thank you,

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Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 1:27:42 PM

Submitted on Mon, 10/17/2022 - 13:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

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Yes

I am requesting a copy of the weekly letter sent from Superintendent Michelle Reid to members of the county school board on Oct. 17, 2022. I am only requesting the email itself and do not need any attachments.