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March 2, 2017

Betsy Cross


Re: OPRA 17-066

Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on February 22, 2017.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

...1) "All" correspondence that was sent "to" and "from" any Wall Twp. Employee or OceanFirst to Brian Smyth and Cheryl Dyer regarding the Model Classroom Grant Money awarded to Wall Intermediate School from OceanFirst Foundation.

2) May I also have a copy of the bank statement where the money was deposited including a copy of the respective bank statement showing the deposit and the name of the bank account.

In response to item one (1.), It is unclear, specifically, what information is being sought in the phraseology of your request. This will confirm that the Wall Township Board of Education did receive grant money from the OceanFirst Foundation, as you have acknowledged in your writing. Without a specific reference to an employee and/or a date, it is unclear exactly what correspondence you are referring to. However, in an effort to comply with your request, upon receipt of the grant monies, a review of our records identifies the following correspondence issued from:

Cheryl Dyer to the following individuals:

- The Wall Board of Education, dated 10/13/2016
- Brian Smyth, dated 10/13/2016
- Mrs. Connolly, dated 10/13/2016
- Erin Embon, dated 11/29/2016
- Erin Embon, dated 12/01/2016

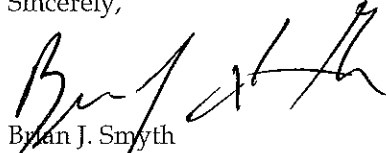
As to the balance of information concerning correspondence from "any Wall Township employee", your request is deemed overly broad and, accordingly, invalid under OPRA pursuant to MAG Entertainment, LLC, Division of Alcohol & Beverage Company, 375 N.J. Super, 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005); Brent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J. Super, 30 (App. Div. 2005); New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super, 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007) and Schuler v. Borough of Bloomsbury, GRC Cplt. No. 2007-151.

In response to item two (2.), attached please find page 3 of 35 of Wall Township Board of Education's Regular Account Statement of November 1, 2016 - November 30, 2016, the November 16, 2016 deposit ticket, showing a \$10,000.00 deposit, and a copy of cancelled check number 10685 from OceanFirst Foundation made payable to Wall Intermediate School.

These records, totaling 10 pages, are being transmitted to you via e-mail, as per your request. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b., the cost associated with this request is \$0.00.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Wall Township Board of Education to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Smyth
Business Administrator

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Cc: Cheryl Dyer, Superintendent