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Betsy Cross
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Re: OPRA 17-072

Dear Ms. Cross,

The Wall Township Board of Education received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on March 24, 2017, which was in response to the district's reply to your request, for the Budget Projection Detail reports for the 2017/2018 Tentative Budget, which were provided electronically to you, as per your request, on March 23, 2017.

Your revised OPRA request of March 24, 2017 sought access to the following:

"In response to yours below received tonight at 7:36 pm. I do not want this document in 3 parts. Please put it on a disk in a format that is searchable in one report and advise when ready."

Please be advised that the Budget Projection: Account Detail Report for the approved 2017/2018 Tentative Budget maintained by the District is not a searchable documents as the reports are maintained in hard copy, as well as a scanned copy. A scanned copy of the Budget Projection Account Detail Report of the approved 2017-18 Tentative Budget is available on the District website and was previously provided to you in three parts due to the size of the scanned document. Although you note that it was received at 7:36 pm, please know that the third email providing part three of the report was sent at 4:38 pm on March 23, 2017.

It is noted, that a separate OPRA request received on March 23, 2017 requesting records under immediate access, OPRA 17-073 consisting of 5 pages, was sent by email, in accordance with your request, at 3:46 pm that same date.

It is also noted that a second separate OPRA request, OPRA 17-062, was also emailed to you on that date. You again stipulated that the records be provided by email. The response, including the attachment of 623 pages was too large for "Gmail" to send as one document, so we therefore divided the response and sent six emails in order to provide all the records requested in accordance with the method of delivery requested. The first of the six parts was sent at 5:23 pm and the last one was sent at 6:07 pm.

I provide this additional information because perhaps the volume of emails and attachments caused a delay in the records being received on your end.

Although the record maintained by the District, that you have requested and have previously been provided, is not in a format that is searchable, we have created a document that is searchable and in our opinion is responsive to your request. Please note that the record provided is different than the official record of the district and of that on the website in that the pagination, and only the pagination, of the attached document is different. Please note that the pagination is different as a result of creating a document that is searchable as you have specifically requested.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfiled 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