

EXHIBIT B

Re: FOIA - New model policies

FOIA, rr <foia@doe.virginia.gov>

Wed 10/5/2022 9:29 PM

To: Ben Paviour <bpaviour@vpm.org>

Cc: Charles Pyle <charles.pyle@doe.virginia.gov>

 5 attachments (642 KB)

Re_Developing Well Educated Responsible Citizens(1).pdf; Weekly VDOE Report_Redacted.pdf; Fwd_Re-upping TG guidance talkers and notes_Redacted.pdf; 2022 Revised Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools - Town Hall (1).pdf; FOIA Invoice - Ben Paviour received 9.19.2022.Xlsx;

Good evening, Mr. Paviour,

Thank you for your patience. This email is in response to your FOIA request for the following records:

- All drafts of the 2022 Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools, alongside any email correspondence related to those drafts.
- Any mentions of the word "trans" or "transgender" in the emails (sent or received) of Superintendent Jillian Balow from Aug. 1, 2022 - Sept. 19, 2022.

As noted, I have been having tech issues today, so I ask that you please confirm receipt of this email.

The VDOE found 90 records responsive to your request. The VDOE is withholding 87 records, constituting an estimated 315 page (most of which are duplicates) pursuant to Section 2.2-3705.7(2) related to Governor's Confidential Working Papers. Some information in the attached records are withheld pursuant to Section 2.2-3705.1 of the Code of Virginia related to personnel information.

The final invoice for this request is attached. VDOE accepts credit card payments by mail or over the phone. Attached is the credit card authorization form, which you can either mail back to the address listed on the form to the attention of Adrienne F. Howard, Division of Finance, or you may contact the Finance Div. to pay the deposit by credit card over the phone (804-371-6877). Otherwise, you can mail a check to the address listed on the attached invoice or estimate form.

Very Truly Yours,
Rebecca S. Askew

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 5:04 PM Ben Paviour <bpaviour@vpm.org> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

Sorry to hear about the tech troubles. I think tomorrow would be fine. I'd hesitate to go too much beyond that.

Best,
Ben

Ben Paviour
State Politics Reporter
Phone 434.282.9472

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From: FOIA, rr <foia@doe.virginia.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Ben Paviour <bpaviour@vpm.org>
Cc: Charles Pyle <charles.pyle@doe.virginia.gov>
Subject: Re: FOIA - New model policies

Good afternoon, Mr. Paviour,

The VDOE's response to your FOIA request is due to you today. It is still my intent to send our response today. However, our Office have been having some technical issues with our internet and network this afternoon which is significantly slowing down my progress.

If I am unable to get these issues worked out, would you be willing to give the VDOE an additional day or two to get the requested records to you? Please confirm that you are okay with this. Again, it is my intent to send the VDOE's response out today but the latency that we are experience has been problematic all day.

Sincerely,
Rebecca S. Askew

On Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 11:58 AM Ben Paviour <bpaviour@vpm.org> wrote:
Please proceed. Thanks!

Ben Paviour
State Politics Reporter, VPM

From: FOIA, rr <foia@doe.virginia.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:31 PM
To: Ben Paviour <bpaviour@vpm.org>

Cc: Charles Pyle <charles.pyle@doe.virginia.gov>

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We estimate that it would take approximately six hours of time to fulfill this request. Your estimated charges to fulfill this request would be approximately \$125.00. This is based upon our agency policy to charge \$25.00 for administrative staff time and to waive the first \$25.00 of each Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A formal estimate is attached.

Be advised: For FOIA requests that would result in estimated charges less than \$200.00, such as this one, we are required to provide the responsive documents within the time allotted by law and bill the requestor for the costs associated with the request. If you do not wish to be billed for this request, it is important that you advise us as soon as possible to withdraw the request.

Finally, be advised that we anticipate that it will not be practically possible to provide the requested records, within the five-work-day period allowed by FOIA due to staff commitments; therefore we are invoking the additional seven working days allowed by Section 2.2-3704 B.4 of the Virginia FOIA.

On Mon, Sep 19, 2022 at 2:32 PM Ben Pavlour <bpavlour@vpm.org> wrote:

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As always, please let me know if you anticipate any costs or have any questions. And thanks!

Best,
Ben

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