

The Wellesley School Department (the "Department") determined that there are approximately 5,900 potentially responsive records to the request in the form of emails, as well as a number of other documents. The Department is required by the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10(b), to issue this 10-day response letter.

On June 1, 2021, the Department petitioned the Supervisor of Public Records for the ability to charge fees to segregate and redact the records at a cost of \$43.87/hour, pursuant to 950 CMR 32.06(4)(g) and (h) (the "Petition"). You received a copy of the Petition, which is attached to this 10-day response and incorporated herein, on June 1, 2021.

As you are aware, the records that you requested may contain information that is required, by law, to be redacted pursuant to the Family Education Rights Privacy Act, the Massachusetts Student Record Law, and the attorney-client privilege. Additionally, these records may contain information that may be subject to other exemptions of the Public Records Law, including but not limited to Exemption (c) (the privacy exemption) and Exemption (d) (the deliberative process exemption).<sup>2</sup> The Department is awaiting the Supervisor's determination with respect to charging fees for segregating and redacting records pursuant to these exemptions.

The Supervisor has not yet responded to the Petition, but is required, by law, to respond within 5 business days of its receipt. Upon receipt of the response, the Department will update this response letter in the form of a fee estimate. Once you receive the fee estimate, and the Department receives payment of the fee, it will produce these records.

In the interim, if you would like to narrow the scope of your request (for example, limiting the time-frame or type of records sought) which may reduce the amount of time required to segregate and redact records (and thus reduce the cost to you) please let me know. One suggestion is to narrow the scope of the request to records sent by Dr. Charmie Curry, the director of diversity, equity and inclusion for the Wellesley Public Schools (there are approximately 76 emails).

To the extent that the Department has in its possession additional records responsive to your request, the Department has included such documentation with this response. Further, the Department responds as follows:

Records identifying the number of affinity spaces hosted by Wellesley Public Schools from September 1, 2020 to May 17, 2021: The Department states that between the period of September 1, 2020 and May 17, 2021, the Wellesley Public Schools provided opportunities for students and faculty alike to gather to discuss various topics based on affinity. There were five distinct opportunities, and one ongoing opportunity provided during this time period.

Records identifying and describing "long-term, evidence-based district strategy" discussed in Superintendent Lussier's March 19, 2021 message: A document regarding the Wellesley Public School's Equity Strategic Plan is attached.

Records, including policies and procedures, regarding the creation and use of "affinity spaces": A PDF of a power point presentation to the School Committee as well as Panorama Survey documentation is attached.

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<sup>2</sup> These exemptions were described in further detail in the Petition.  
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