



April 20, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Rachel Cohen  
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**RE: FOIA Request No. 2018-32 – Final Response**

Dear Ms. Cohen:

This letter responds to your request for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §§ 2-531 through 538 (FOIA), of March 14, 2018 in which you seek information about any emails to or from Scott Pearson's email account over the past year with body text of "WMST" and "budget" OR "WMST" and "finance." Your request was received by the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) on March 14, 2018, and assigned file number **2018-32**.

It is the public policy of the District of Columbia that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. Accordingly, please find a redacted document of all the emails that resulted from the search terms listed above:

<https://dcpcsb.egnyte.com/dl/7YDzYfqgzM>. Please note, these links will expire at midnight on May 11, 2018. As such, we recommend you download the document upon receipt of this response. These are the only responsive documents we possess at this time. Portions of the documents in the links have been redacted pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(1), § 2-534(a)(2), § 2-534(e), and 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2).

For your reference, below is a chart providing the redacted information in the responsive documents and the applicable exemption. Please note, because our response contained multiple copies of several emails, the same information was redacted in each copy, and thus appears on the below table as one category of redacted information appearing on multiple pages.

| # | Pages | Category of Redacted Content                | Exemption Applied       |
|---|-------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | 2     | Personal information about DC PCSB employee | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |

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| 2  | 4                       | Internal discussion on personnel decisions   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 3  | 5                       | Internal discussion on personnel decisions   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 4  | 6-7                     | Internal discussion on personnel decisions   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 5  | 9-10                    | Deliberative discussion on which schools are up for review   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 6  | 18-21, 23-24            | Deliberative discussion on an employee's report on WMST's financial status                                     | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 7  | 27-31, 33               | Deliberative discussion regarding the financial status of WMST   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 8  | 39                      | Deliberative discussion regarding the financial status of The Next Step  | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 9  | 42-43                   | Deliberative discussion on action steps regarding WMST's financial status                                      | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 10 | 52-53, 131-132, 253-254 | Deliberative discussion with Board Members on preliminary reports and status of several schools                | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 11 | 56-128                  | Deliberative document: preliminary review report   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 12 | 129                     | Deliberative discussion and privilege conservation with counsel on action steps for Achievement Prep and Excel | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 13 | 130                     | Deliberative discussion on action steps for Achievement Prep and Excel   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 14 | 135-169                 | Deliberative documents: preliminary review report  | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 15 | 170-176                 | Deliberative discussion on action steps for Achievement Prep and Excel   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 16 | 179-213                 | Deliberative document: preliminary review report   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |

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| 17 | 244              | Student information   | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 18 | 247              | Student information   | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 19 | 248              | Student information   | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 20 | 251-252          | Deliberative discussion on low-performing schools                         | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 21 | 303              | Deliberative discussion regarding the financial status of WMST            | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 22 | 305-306          | Deliberative discussion regarding the financial status of WMST            | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 23 | 316-317          | Deliberative discussion on preliminary review reports                     | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 24 | 319-389          | Deliberative documents: preliminary review report                         | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 25 | 390-391          | Deliberative discussion on WMST's financial audit                         | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 26 | 394-399          | Deliberative discussion on the discipline bill                            | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 27 | 406-408, 411-413 | Discussion of personnel matter  | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2)  |
| 28 | 432-434          | Deliberative discussion on action steps regarding WMST's financial status | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 29 | 446              | Signature   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2)  |
| 30 | 463              | Signature   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2)  |
| 31 | 494              | Student information   | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |

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| 32 | 499                                 | Student information  | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 33 | 504                                 | Student information  | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 34 | 505                                 | Student information  | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 35 | 510                                 | Student information, personnel information of The Next Step                            | 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (FERPA), incorporated through D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(6), and D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2) |
| 36 | 523-524                             | attorney-client privilege and internal deliberative discussion on next steps with WMST | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 37 | 539-540, 552, 573-574, 587, 599-600 | Deliberative document: cash flow   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 38 | 553-558                             | Deliberative discussion on MST financials and attorney-client privilege                | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 39 | 590                                 | Deliberative discussion on next steps for WMST financial status                        | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 40 | 592, 613, 616                       | Deliberative report on WMST financial status   | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 41 | 617-618                             | Deliberative discussion on Scott asking the General Counsel for legal counsel          | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |
| 42 | 619-620, 622-                       | Deliberative discussion on next steps for WMST financial status                        | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4)  |

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| 43 | 627         | Deliberative discussion on an contract with Ed Ops                        | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 44 | 629-<br>631 | Deliberative discussion on next steps for WMST financial status           | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(4) |
| 45 | 637         | Commercial information - unit price on hourly rates of Ed Ops consultants | D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(1) |

If you disagree with DC PCSB’s response to your FOIA request, you may submit an administrative appeal to the Mayor. The appeal must be in writing and must include a copy of the original request as well as a copy of the response letter(s) issued to you. The appeal must include a written statement of the arguments, circumstances, or reasons in support of the information sought by your request. The appeal letter must include “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter as well as marked on the outside of the envelope. You may submit the appeal via email to [mayor@dc.gov](mailto:mayor@dc.gov), or by U.S. Postal Service to:

Mayor’s Correspondence Unit  
FOIA Appeal  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Suite 316  
Washington, DC 20004

A copy of the appeal must be provided to DC PCSB at [foia@dcpcsb.org](mailto:foia@dcpcsb.org), or by mail via U.S. Postal Service to:

FOIA Officer  
DC PCSB  
3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20010

Angela Kim conducted the search and reviewed these documents. Should you have any questions about your FOIA request, she can be reached via email at [akim@dcpcsb.org](mailto:akim@dcpcsb.org), or by phone at (202) 330-4047.

Sincerely,



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FOIA Officer