

**[External] Response to Public Information Act Request**

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To: Parker, Amy &lt;amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu&gt;

8 attachments (1 MB)

FlagPolicy.pdf; Guidelines for Student Names and Gender Identity Non-Discrimination-July 2023 (2).pdf; IIAA - Selection Evaluation Adoption of Instructional Materials-Administrative Regulations.pdf; IIAA - Selection, Evaluation, and Adoption of Instructional Materials.Policy.pdf; Non-DiscriminationAdminRegs.pdf; Non-DiscriminationPolicy.pdf; Public Comments - Books.xlsx; Selection Evaluation Adoption of Instructional Materials-August 2023.pdf;

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Amy, please see the attached documents in response to item #1 on your Public Information Act request. In addition, you may watch our Board of Education meetings on the CCPS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ccpsmedia1477/videos>. Public participation normally begins within the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

We are still processing #2 and #3 on your request. We anticipate that we will have everything to you no later than this Wednesday.

There will be no charge for fulfilling your request.

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**From:** Parker, Amy <amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu>**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 8:02 PM**To:** Gaddis, Carey <wcgaddi@carrollk12.org>**Subject:** Public Information Act Requests

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Hello,

Under the Maryland Public Information Act, Section 4-503 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, I hereby request (these should be treated as separate requests for the purposes of the PIA, and for determining search times):

1. Copies of all Board resolutions and policy documents, as well as associated public comments that have either been recorded by the Board or that have been received digitally, from June 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, pertaining to "book bans" (the withdrawal of particular books or other content from curriculum, book collections, or libraries based on objections to the content of the books or their viability for usage in an academic environment), or any policy pertaining to LGBTQ+ students, including the "Guidelines for Gender Identity Non-Discrimination" and bans on the display of Pride flags.

2. All emails from July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, from members of the Board, the Superintendent, and Principal Katie Neflen, which contain any of the keywords "trans", "transgender", "indoctrination", "CRT", "critical race theory",

"gay", "lesbian", "bi", "bisexual", "non-binary", or "identity", from their official CCPS email addresses.

3. All email communications from CCPS administrators, both at the systemwide level and of HS administrations, to Nick Coella and Anna Skinner, not otherwise exempt from disclosure, between July 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

As these documents will be made available to the public via the Open Information Collective (<https://oic.amyip.net>), and I have no ability to pay, I request a waiver of any search fees, as these requests will strongly benefit the public's access to records concerning the conduct of their public officials. If a waiver is not able to be granted, please do not conduct more than two hours of search per request.

If it would aid CCPS on an individual request, particularly ones involving a voluminous amount of documents, I may be amenable to the 30-day mutually agreed extension; however, if at some point this becomes necessary, it will need to be discussed at that time.

I request the documents in electronic format. If any documents are not available in electronic format, please alert me, and if CCPS does not wish to use its own equipment to scan the documents, I may use my own equipment to scan the documents.

If any documents are nondisclosable in their entirety, I ask that they be separated from the disclosable responsive documents. If part of any document is nondisclosable, I ask that it be redacted and the disclosable parts of the responsive record provided.

If you need any clarification on this request, please feel free to contact me at this email address, or by phone at (562) 299-8551; I may not always be able to respond to calls, but I will promptly return any texts by SMS or RCS.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you no later than October 30 as required by the PIA (10 working days maximum). If responsive documents are available in an individual request prior to the rest, please disclose the documents for that request prior to the others.

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