



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

November 23, 2020

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20002

RE: FOIA Request No. 20-01173-F

Dear Austin R. Evers:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated March 6, 2020 and received in this office on March 6, 2020. Your request was forwarded to the Office of the Secretary to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

- All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) the U.S. Department of Education (Ed) officials listed in Column A, and (b) the Executive Office of the President (EOP) officials listed in Column B.

Column A: Ed Officials

- i. Secretary Betsy DeVos
- ii. Deputy Secretary Mick Zais
- iii. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or agency point of contact for the coronavirus task force

Column B: EOP Officials

- i. Vice President Mike Pence
- ii. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien
- iii. Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor Matthew Pottinger
- iv. Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff Robert Blair
- v. Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council Joseph Grogan
- vi. Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Coordination Christopher Liddell
- vii. Director of the National Economic Council Larry Kudlow
- viii. White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Deborah Birx
- ix. Press Secretary Katie Miller (formerly Katie Waldman)

x. Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Kelvin Droegmeier

Staff from Office of the Secretary informed this office (FSC) that after a search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

Mail	FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Executive Secretariat U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7C132 Washington, DC 20202-4500	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510 College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail	robert.wehausen@ed.gov	OGIS@nara.gov
Phone	202-205-0733	202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Fax	202-401-0920	202-741-5769

Lastly, you have the right to appeal this determination. You must submit any appeal within 90 calendar days after the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal. An appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter, the initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in resolving your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

Appeals can also be submitted by:

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
Fax: 202-401-0920
Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W106A
Washington, DC 20202-4500

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or via email at EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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