



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 20-01328-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated March 30, 2020 and received in this office on March 31, 2020. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes, COVID-19, has been declared a public health emergency at both the national and international levels.¹ On March 2, 2020, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions sent a letter to Secretary DeVos requesting information regarding how Education is preparing for the effect the spread of the virus will have on education stakeholders. ² American Oversight seeks records to shed light on Education's response to the coronavirus outbreak.

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, and calendar invitations) between any of the individuals listed in Column A below and any of the individuals or groups listed in Column B: (copy enclosed).

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

At this time, the Department is continuing to process your request, and your FOIA request case file remains open. It will not close until the Department provides you with a response regarding outstanding responsive documents from FSA, OCR, OCTAE, OESE, OGC, OPE, OSERS, OFO, OS and OUS. Our final release letter will contain information related to your appeal rights of agency decisions.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 401-8365, or you may send an e-mail to EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie Swafford".

Christie D. Swafford
Government Information Specialist, OS