

Subject: Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

From: Karen Conroy <karen.conroy@stjdsd.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2023 09:39:44 -0400

To: Marina Brown <catskillmarina@gmail.com>

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Good Morning Marina,

In response to your new questions, I have provided the following information.

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of documents detailing who is responsible for creating (or not creating) policies to avoid spreading contagious disease.

During the state of emergency in the 2020-2021 school year, the Superintendent was granted the authority to make decisions regarding the operation of the school under the following policy link. With the lifting of the Governor's state of emergency orders, it would be the responsibility of the school board for creating any new policy.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p4yJhJBDXKVeFqhz4WkuPPRgVH5GCMbT2hsaPk7q-vI/edit>

I am also seeking any records detailing the number of employees who have become sickened due to covid and other contagious respiratory illnesses in the last 2 years.

I will need an extension on the time to collect this information for FY2022. The data was submitted to the agency of education by the prior superintendent and I don't have access to the reports. We have not been required to report any COVID related illnesses to the AOE for FY2023.

How many have been fired or not had their contracts renewed due to respiratory illnesses including COVID.

There were no employees fired or did not have their contracts renewed due to respiratory illnesses including COVID.

Thanks, Karen

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Superintendent

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On Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 9:57 AM Marina Brown <catskillmarina@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Conroy:

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of documents detailing who is responsible for creating (or not creating) policies to avoid spreading contagious disease. In other words - who made the decision to not have a policy mandating covid sick employees stay home.

I am also seeking any records detailing the number of employees who have become sickened due to covid and other contagious respiratory illnesses in the last 2 years, and how many have been fired or not had their contracts renewed due to respiratory illnesses including COVID.

I would strongly prefer that these records be provided in digital format or be posted on your transparency page for the public to view directly.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$20. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the School employment policies and policies for the prevention of contagious diseases. I am a citizen journalist who is gathering this information in the public interest. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes however it may be shared with commercial media.

The law requires a response to this request within 2 days, or within 10 days for extraordinary circumstances. If you expect a significant delay in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Marina Brown for VTLeaks