



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

Office of the Chief Privacy Officer

May 27, 2015

Khaliah Barnes
Director, EPIC Student Privacy Project
1718 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20009

RE: FOIA Request No. 15-00940-F

Dear Ms. Barnes:

This is a final response to your request dated February 26, 2015, requesting information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received in the FOIA Service Center (FSC) on February 26, 2015, and was forwarded to the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) to search for any responsive documents they may have.

You requested the following agency records in possession of the Department:

- All Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) complaints that the FPCO has received since January 8, 2009, the date the 2008 regulations went into effect;

On March 26, 2015, we sent 146 pages responsive to your request. On April 1, 2015, we sent 1,152 pages responsive to your request. On April 9, 2015, we sent 66 pages responsive to your request. On April 16, 2015, we sent 149 pages responsive to your request. On May 5, 2015, we sent 35 pages responsive to your request. On May 21, 2015, we sent 283 pages responsive to your request. Enclosed with this letter are 306 pages of documents. However, certain information has been withheld according to the FOIA exemptions specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to personal information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- Records or portions of records relating to personal information that was compiled for a law enforcement purpose is exempt pursuant 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(C). Disclosure of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

In your initial request to the Department dated April 15, 2014, 14-01135-F, you requested a fee waiver which was granted on April 17, 2014, therefore, there are no processing fees associated with your request.

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You have the right to appeal the FOIA exemption(s) decision by writing to the address below, 35 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should be accompanied by a copy of your initial letter of request and this denial letter, and should contain any evidence or argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeal Address:

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Management
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 2W311
ATTN: Appeals Office
Washington, DC 20202-4500

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

Sincerely,

Arthur Caliguiran

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FOIA Service Center

Enclosure