



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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RE: FOIA Request Nos. 18-01502-F and 18-01472-F

Dear Ms. Fulford:

This letter is an interim response to the above-cited requests for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated April 9, 2018 and April 4, 2018, respectively. The requests were forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

FOIA Request 18-01502-F seeks:

[T]he approximately 36,000 pages of exhibits which were submitted by ACICS to the Department on a thumb drive on May 19, 2016.

FOIA Request 18-01472-F seeks:

All documents constituting ACICS's Part II response or Part II submission, as described above and by the District Court in its March 23, 2018 Order in Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools v. DeVos, No. 16-cv-2448 (D.D.C.).

Enclosed is a CD containing 723 pages of documents (specifically, Exhibit 152 of the submission) that are responsive to your request. However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA Exemption (b)(6), as 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.

Additionally, the Department is withholding 2148 pages of student transcripts (specifically, Exhibits 147(i), 147(b), 147(c), 147(d), 147(e) and 147(f)) in their entirety pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(6).

Because this request is in litigation, if you have questions regarding this response, please contact AUSA Joshua Rogers at Joshua.rogers3@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure