

September 14, 2023

Ms. Em Espey
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Dear Ms. Espey:

I have received your Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) request seeking a copy of the contract between Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) or its Board of Education and the law firm of Jackson Lewis, P.C. regarding the independent investigation into allegations against principal Joel Beidleman and the district's handling of them.

I am responding on behalf of the superintendent of schools who, as official custodian of records for the school system, is responsible for replies under the Maryland Public Information Act, Title 4 of the General Provisions (GP) Article.

Please find enclosed a responsive document to your request. The document has been redacted in accordance with GP § 4-335 Trade Secrets; Confidential Information.

If you believe you have been wrongly denied a public record, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to GP § 4-362. In addition, pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq., you also have the option to express any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman.

With regards,



Christopher C. Cram
Director, Department of Communications

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Enclosure

Copy to:
Ms. Williams