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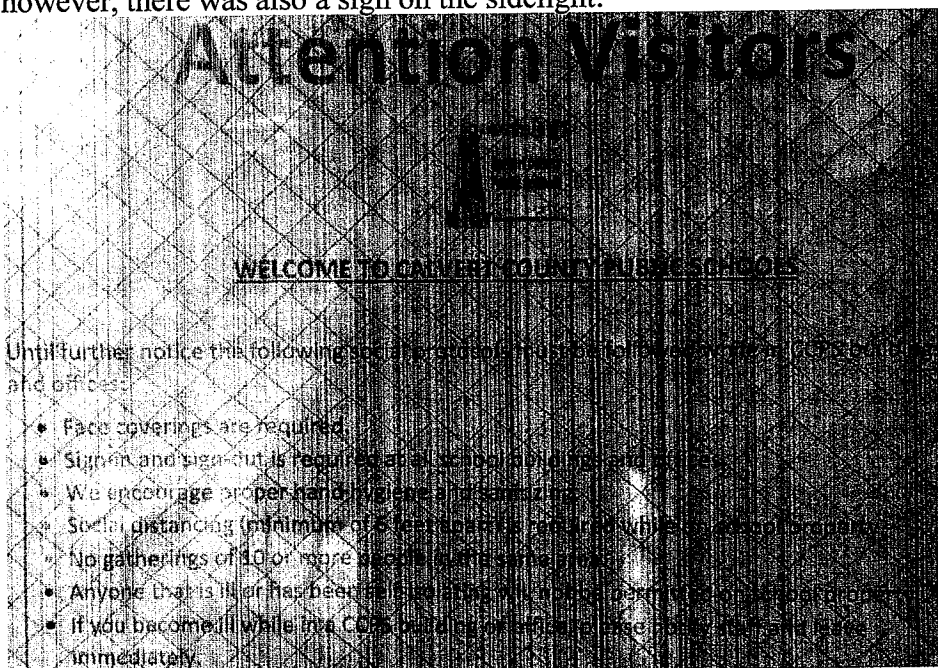
At 8:22 am this morning we received an email from Ms. Maxey:

"Please be advised that E-mails are not immediately available records. These records needed to be retrieved, reviewed and redacted prior to being reviewed by the recipient. The charges associated with this production are specifically for this purpose. Exchange of these documents will occur when payment is received. Review of these documents will need to be conducted off-site due to COVID restrictions.

Mr. Titus will make the exchange when you arrive. Please call the main number at the time of your arrival in order to give staff a few moments to get to the front door."

How does this make sense? Emails are not immediately available records? Is that statement to create plausible deniability for all of the records we did not receive today? Review off-site? We stood right in front of the doors to the Central Office, and it would have been eminently simple to document and review the flash drive records on our computer. We even brought lawn chairs. "Make the exchange?" Why so covert? Why speak of a PIA records pickup like one might a drug deal or some clandestine trade for state secrets?

We arrived at the Central Office at about 8:55am. We walked to the front steps, and Mr. Titus, wearing a Maryland State Police Camp Cops shirt, met us a minute or two before 9, in front of the Central Office doors, so we did not call the main number. There were signs on the two doors stating the office is closed; however, there was also a sign on the sidelight:



Visitors are permitted to enter CCPS buildings and offices? How is it other people are allowed to come in to sign in and out, but we weren't? Mr. Titus blocked open the front door with a newspaper and expressed fear he might be locked out, as if the Central Office was on critical lockdown, even though the parking lot was fairly full with staff vehicles, and we saw staff moving in and out of the building. A couple minutes after that another person arrived, and was met by another employee who escorted her in. Did she have to turn in a COVID questionnaire? John wanted to know why she was allowed in the building and we weren't. Mr. Titus explained she was there for hiring, to include fingerprinting. I asked if they were complying with proper fingerprinting standards/policy. He said he hoped so or otherwise maybe CCPS is hiring people who shouldn't be hired. What a terrifyingly discomfiting and flippant statement for CCPS' Community Resources & School Safety Specialist to make! If he doesn't know, who does? Mr. Titus was adamant we were not allowed to review the records we were there to receive, and he would not hand us the products of our requests, which included CCPS' estimates, stapled to two sealed envelopes containing flash drives, until we made payment in full. Our check indicates we paid for the records "in protest" and with "no review allowed." We paid a total of \$955.94 for the two products, which is the amount Mr. Titus had a on a sticky note. This was nothing short of a Mexican standoff.

Mr. Titus stated he was only the messenger, and responded to John that Ms. Maxey was not in. I referred to you as "scum" several times and informed Mr. Titus he had to be aware of our daughter, Sarah's, abuse and pedophilia in the system. He expressed mock indignation at the allegations, saying no job would be worth compromising his character and he has no knowledge of such things. I informed him you (scum) had already compromised numerous employees, even requiring Ms. Maxey, CFO Hutchins and other employees to lie in affidavits and that you (scum) throw staff under buses to protect yourself (scum). I also told him he either was operating under pressure and not allowed to do his job, or he was in on it. When informed that as the School Safety Specialist the records we were requesting should be of importance to him, Mr. Titus continued to feign ignorance and behaved as if he had no knowledge of our situation, or the records we requested. We do not believe him, and one way or another, he *is* badly compromised. His role is to ensure safety in CCPS, but CCPS is anything but safe. Mr. Titus also *assured* us he would ask Ms. Maxey to send an email regarding our protest payment for the records, but we have yet to receive it.

We left at around 9:10, and when we arrived home videotaped the envelope untaping/unsealing and downloads of the 2 flash drives we received. We should have received only one flash drive, containing PST formatted emails, a stack of printed emails for those which required redaction, all relevant count sheets for the email searches, and should have received the financial records we requested via email, after payment.

The circumstances surrounding the receipt of our records were bad enough, and as we further search the records, we are sure things will grow substantially worse. Among what we noticed:

5/17/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS REQUEST:

- The flash drive from the envelope stapled to our 6/02/20 email records request/response actually contained financial records, but no emails. This was one more ridiculous attempt at confusing the process.
- A cursory look shows we received at least most of the records we requested, although one of the 3 POs we requested does not have a vendor name, and I am unsure if there are additional POs as CCPS assigns in other cases – ex. 01234-01, 01234-02, 01234-03, etc... Why is the contract reassignment video segment still missing from the 5/24/18 meeting? What are you (scum) trying to hide? Mr. Titus was at the bid unsealing. What does he know? We will continue to cross reference and break down the records.
- There is no reason these records ostensibly cost CCPS \$1027.02 to produce, and \$350 should have been waived, as initially estimated, instead of only \$167.90.

- The other bidders for the surveillance contract are looking more responsible all the time, and CCPS might have saved a great deal of money choosing one of them. When, upon Dawn Balinski's query, the nicest thing that could be said about the bidder is they have "done business with the federal government and overseas," it's pretty clear what that means. Plenty of vendors can make that claim, and it is by no means alone a reference. Why did G Technologies get to recommend the vendor who took over the contract from them, after things so clearly fell apart?

06/02/20 EMAIL RECORDS REQUEST

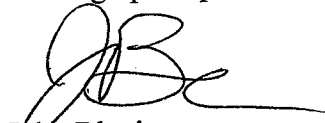
- The flash drive from the envelope stapled to our 6/17/20 financial records request/response actually contained emails, and no financial records. Supposedly, four emails were withheld because they contained information about another student's IEP. We are not sure why redaction wouldn't have been appropriate for these emails, as our daughter has never had an IEP. Any reference to another student's IEP would be separate from anything to do with Sarah. We want those four emails. Three emails were supposedly withheld due to Attorney-Client privilege.
- The emails were NOT in PST format, as you (scum) offered, and those which required redaction were improperly redacted with black marker through which we can see in many places, repeatedly (again) violating student privacy. Why were we charged for improper redaction? Why do you (scum) care more about privacy for a student who sexually assaulted an educator than for the kids referenced in these emails?
- The emails are entirely out of any sequential date order, which was done to confuse, but John will be just fine. It's the same stupidity as last time, but these codename emails are going to be *far* more revealing than the first emails - when we finally obtain them - and you (scum) and so many others are terrified.
- NO count sheets were provided. Were the searches conducted in Gaggle, as we repeatedly insisted, or o365? A cursory look shows the earliest email provided is from 10/5/16. According to IT Director McClellan o365 was not in use for archived emails until either 3/7/17, or sometime after 5/24/18, and he was adamant in Spring/Summer 2018 Gaggle had to be used for the date range we requested. You (scum) recently insisted all searches would be done in o365, despite our protests. We are going to receive the count sheets and ensure full searches are completed.
- There are only 117 emails, even less than the entirely implausible and impossible approximate 162 you (scum) estimated. We requested emails for 46 people, many/all of whom potentially have two different DNS-suffix CCPS addresses. Many of these emails were sent to "SMS All Staff," which guarantees *many* emails were omitted from what we should have received, aside from what the missing count sheets in addition will prove.
- We requested all redacted emails to be printed, and all others to be on a flash drive in PST format. Isn't it counterintuitive we would have received redacted emails on a flash drive? So, they were printed, improperly redacted with a marker, and then scanned and placed back on to a flash drive, along with unredacted emails. Why the extra effort and stupid, petty games? Such a measure can't be attributed to Coronavirus transmission concerns, as we received several sheets of paper from Mr. Titus, along with the flash drives in envelopes.
- There are three identical copies of a 3/28/18 email from vicious long-term Spanish sub Ashley Adams to Tammy Frawley, Stephanie Goldstein and Suzanne Felix of the Southern Middle counseling office. These emails refer to the 3/28 note-passing incident documented in our initial 4/14/18 complaint, where Sarah and a friend were worried about another friend who had just been attacked in gym class, and who had done nothing to provoke the attack. Ashley Adams' email was to inform the counselors she had sent a student with the note to the office and was "unsure of whether" it would be "useful." With all of the unaddressed chaos,

disrespect, violence and abuse long endemic to Southern, Ms. Goldstein pulled two decent, well-behaved kids from class to admonish them for “gossiping” (aka caring) about their friend. You (scum) messed up and included one email (and two others for volume) which helps prove the campaign we knew was being waged against Sarah, well before we confronted former Southern Principal Mandy Blackmon for attempting to intimidate Sarah on 4/23/18. That email is only the tip of the iceberg and we’re going to get the rest of the emails. For *counselors* to be involved in a conspiracy to bully and railroad a student, let alone one of two “awesome students” who “work hard,” “are very respectful to their peers and staff members” “and always willing to help” is absolutely disgusting. But we do thank Ms. Kontra for stating what we – and so many of her other teachers over the years - already knew about Sarah.

- Only names are in the To/From addresses, and there is no reason to believe the searches were conducted for both fully-qualified DNS addresses. We need to receive the emails in a fashion which displays the actual addresses, as we received from our last email request, and to which we are entitled.
- There are scarcely any emails referring to our sons, Michael and Andrew. Our request spanned a nearly four-year period, and our kids were still in CCPS for nearly two of them. I saw none for Andrew, and *very* few for Michael. We don’t believe there were so few pertaining to them, particularly as Michael had a few run-ins with Travis Mister.
- We paid \$96.82 for only emails you (scum) don’t mind us having, and we are certain hundreds, if not thousands (including duplicates) have been removed. Regardless, \$350 should have been waived, instead of \$104.97, and the emails should have been provided at no cost to us. We paid \$.83 per email, around 2.5 times more per email than we paid for the emails we requested on 4/30/18, many of which we had to sue to receive. Does this include the \$.03 PDF conversion fee you (scum) estimated? As we received only 117 emails, should we have paid slightly less than we ended up paying? We weren’t supposed to receive all these emails in PDF; only emails requiring redaction were supposed to be converted.

We are sending in our next PIA request to Ms. Maxey shortly, for other eFinance ledgers. We are including exact, specific search criteria and screenshots of the reports we are requesting, so there should be no confusion. We hope the next provision of records is handled honestly and fairly; unlike the difficulties we have had obtaining records for the first four requests we have made.

Gearing up for phase two,



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