



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

September 19, 2022

Gene Hamilton
611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231
Washington, DC 20003

RE: FOIA Request No. 22-02385-F

Dear Gene Hamilton:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated March 31, 2022, and received in this office on March 31, 2022. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate offices to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

- A. The Department's "Equity Action Plan," that was required by Section 7 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by January 20, 2022.
- B. The Department's "Equity Assessment," that was required by Section 5 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy by August 8, 2021. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2021 To 03/31/2022)

The information you seek in item A of your request has already been posted in the public domain in accordance with subsection (a)(1) of the FOIA and can be found in the Department of Education's website via the following link: [Department of Education Equity Action Plan | U.S. Department of Education](#).

At this time, the Department is continuing to process your request. You will receive any additional documents under a separate cover letter.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation. They can be contacted by:

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You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
Fax: 202-401-0920
Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W106A
Washington, DC 20202-4500

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

Sincerely,

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