



## United States Department of Education

Office of the Secretary

FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 23-02386-F

Dear Gene Hamilton

This is a status update regarding your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated July 27, 2023, and received in the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) FOIA Service Center (FSC) on August 18, 2023.

When received, your request was forwarded to the appropriate office(s) within the Department to conduct a search for any responsive records. At this time, your request is still being processed.

We appreciate your patience as we work diligently to process your request. Please be advised that the average request processing time is approximately 185 business days. As this is an average, your request may take more time or may be processed sooner. You can check the status of your request at <https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>.

Narrowing or reformulating a request can often lead to decreased processing times. If you are interested in reformulating or narrowing your request, or have any other questions, please contact the FSC at 202-401-8365 or [EDFOIAManager@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAManager@ed.gov).

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. The FOIA Public Liaison may also assist in reformulating or narrowing your request. OGIS, which is outside the Department, offers ombuds services, including dispute resolution, to assist FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS at:

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Sincerely,

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