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RE:

Public Records Request dated January 16, 2024

Extension of Time

Dear Katherine,

On January 16, 2024, we received your request pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law for the following records:

- "An extract of your records management system or database that includes each school-related arrest and each referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school year (up until the day the records are produced)."
- "If such an extract of the database in question 1 is not possible, please provide school incident reports on each school-related arrest and referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school year (up until the day the records are produced)."
- "A copy of any active standard operating procedures developed with the police department and/or other law enforcement agencies regarding police placement or activity in your corresponding school".
- "Any records instructing or informing police personnel of, or otherwise describing data reporting requirements and procedures for complying with G.L.c. 71 § 37P(b)."
- "The cost to the school district of assigning a school resource officer to each school".
- "The total number of school resource officers and total number of guidance counselors for each school in your district for school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021".
- "The total number and a brief description of 911 calls from schools in your district to local police departments conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022".
- "A description of the proposed budget for mental, social, or emotional health support personnel for the school district."

The Department intends to produce the above stated records in redacted format. Unfortunately, the Department requires additional time beyond the 10-business days allotted under the law in order to respond to this request. The magnitude or difficulty of the request unduly burdens the other responsibilities of the department. In particular, working with our Dispatchers to review 911 calls and our

SROs to review reports related to your request on top of conducting their daily duties. As a result, the department will produce the requested records within 25 business days (15-day extension) following the initial receipt of your request, which represents a reasonable timeframe under the law.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, you will receive a response from us by February 21, 2024 as allotted under the law.

Thank you,

Jessica Watson

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