

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02007-TNM**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/23/2021  
Date Terminated: 03/31/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**DEMOCRACY FORWARD  
FOUNDATION**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/23/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8620959) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons DOE, # <u>3</u> Summons USAO, # <u>4</u> Summons USAG)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/26/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Thurston, Robin) (Main Document 2 replaced on 7/27/2021) (znmw). (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/26/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zsb) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/26/2021	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/26/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/26/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
08/10/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General August 2, 2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 7/29/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/30/2021. ( Answer

		due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/29/2021.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/30/2021	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 08/30/2021)
08/31/2021	<u>7</u>	ORDER setting a Telephonic Initial Scheduling Conference for October 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. Dial-in information will be sent to the parties. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/31/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Telephonic Initial Scheduling Conference set for 10/4/2021 at 2:00 PM before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
09/27/2021	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
09/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Telephonic Initial Scheduling Conference set for October 4, 2021, is vacated. The parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before November 29, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/28/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/28/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/29/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
11/29/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 11/29/2021)
11/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before January 31, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/29/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/29/2021)
11/30/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/31/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
01/31/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
02/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties submit another JSR on or before March 31, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/1/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
02/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/31/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 02/02/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>11</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
03/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>11</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court may close the case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/31/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 03/31/2022)